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Rinky was just jumping with excitement! Mother had packed a big delicious lunch for Daddy and Rinky. Everything was ready for the great day! Daddy was taking Rinky fishing up in the hills! To top it all off, Rinky's mother was baking a cake . . . and whoever caught the biggest fish was going to have his name lettered right on the cake!

Of course, Rinky knew it would be pure luck if he caught the biggest fish and won the prize. After all, his father had nothing but the best fishing equipment. Daddy was really proud of his casting ability and during the snowy winter months he would trudge out into the old barn and spend hours practicing his casting.

"HA, HA! Don't tell me you expect to catch any fish with that rope you're using for fishing line, Rinky!" Daddy said as he looked at the crude fishing gear Rinky was carrying. Rinky looked at the long coil of cord he was going to use and said, "It's not really rope! It's just pretty heavy twine. It's good and strong, too! I want to be prepared . . . just in case I get a big one on my line!"

Rinky's daddy grinned as the two fishermen-cowboys saddled up and pointed their ponies toward the hills. "Mother certainly would be surprised if you caught the biggest fish, Rinky! I'll *really* have to bear down today because I want my name on that cake Mother is baking!"

"I'll try my best, too, Daddy! Gee, wouldn't Mother be amazed if I brought home a great big WHOPPER!" Rinky said as his eyes sparkled with anticipation.

Soon they were high up in the hills. Daddy stopped by a clear running stream and got off his horse. Rinky felt a bit nervous as he got off his pony, Whitey.

"This will be just fine, Rinky! I've been here before and I know exactly where the fish like to feed. You know that's the most important thing about fishing, Rinky! Knowing where the fish are!"

Rinky frowned as he looked at the fast-running water. It seemed very deep to him. Then he looked at his father who was putting on hip boots.

"Are you going wading in *there*, Daddy?" Rinky cried as his eyes opened wide. "HO, HO! Now don't you fret, Rinky! Your father knows what he's doing! That water's fast . . . but it's not deep!"

Rinky looked downstream. He saw a steep waterfall. It looked dangerous to him. If ever the water carried you downstream and over the falls. . . . WOW! But Rinky said nothing to his father. He just unpacked his fishing gear and got ready for the contest!

At first, Rinky's father stayed at the edge of the stream. Casting skillfully, he hooked a speckled beauty in five minutes. Rinky looked at him in awe. "GOSH! That was a honey, Daddy!" Rinky shouted.

"Shhhh! You'll scare the fish!" Daddy cautioned with a worried frown. Again he lofted his line out onto the running stream and soon he was artfully reeling in still another fish.

Poor Rinky! With his heavy line and big hook he didn't even get a nibble. "Why don't

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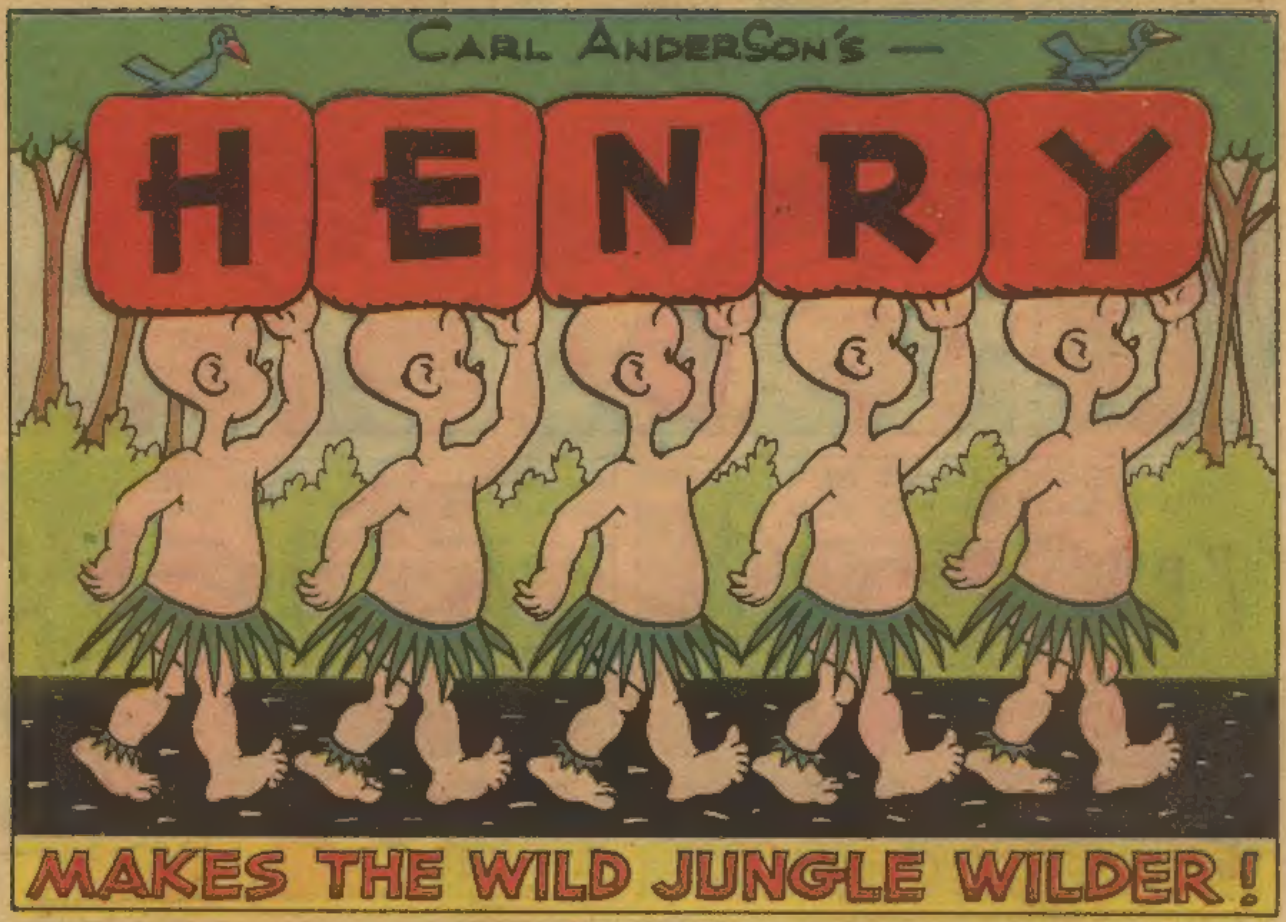
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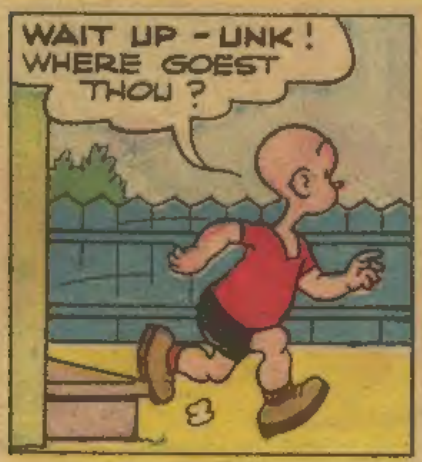
MAKES THE WILD JUNGLE WILDER!


WAIT UP - UNK! WHERE GOEST THOU?

I'M GOING HUNTING!
GOOD! I'LL TAG ALONG!

ARE WE OFF TO HUNT RABBITS IN THE FIELD?
NO!

ARE WE GOING TO THE WOODS TO SEEK DEER?
NO!
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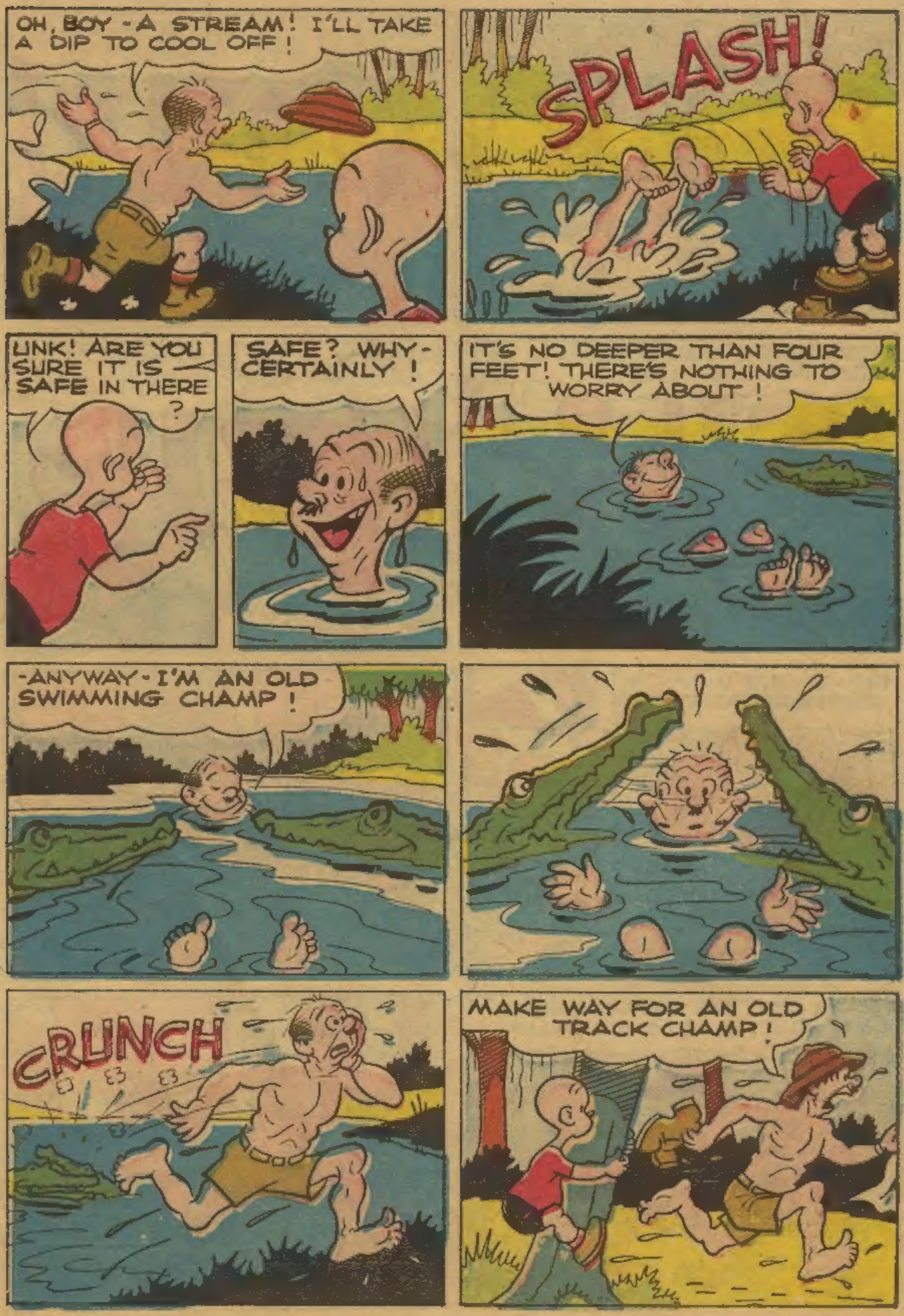
HENRY 8-28-5211

MAY I ASK WHERE WE ARE GOING?
S.S. POLK

YES! TO HUNT WILD ANIMALS IN THE JUNGLE!
!

DAYS and MILES LATER
HEY-UNK!
COME QUICKLY - WILD GAME!
OKAY, HENRY--DON'T BE SCARED! I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
CAREFUL, NOW! ARE WE GETTING CLOSE TO THE WILD GAME?
SH-H-H! IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THOSE BUSHES!
WILD GAME - EH? VERY COMICAL!
I DOUBT WHETHER THERE'S A WILD ANIMAL WITHIN MILES OF HERE, HENRY!


OH, BOY - A STREAM! I'LL TAKE A DIP TO COOL OFF!
SPLASH!
UNK! ARE YOU SURE IT IS SAFE IN THERE?
SAFE? WHY - CERTAINLY!
IT'S NO DEEPER THAN FOUR FEET! THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
-ANYWAY - I'M AN OLD SWIMMING CHAMP!
CRUNCH
MAKE WAY FOR AN OLD TRACK CHAMP!

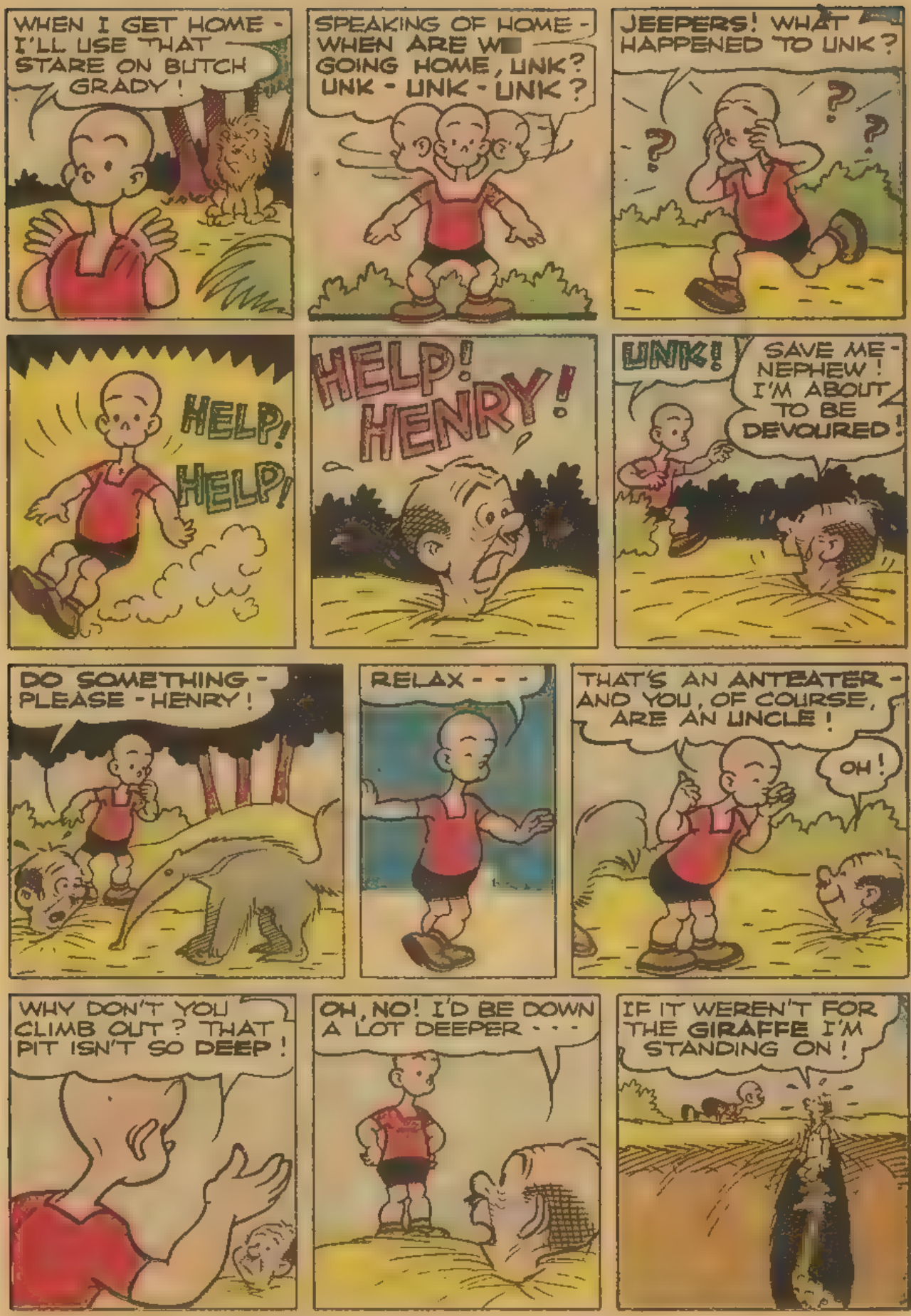
I SUPPOSE IT'S SAFE TO SLOW DOWN TO A WALK, NOW!
WHEW! I'LL HAVE TO SIT HERE, AND REST AWHILE!
PERHAPS I CAN THUMB A RIDE FOR US - UNCLE!
THUMB A RIDE IN THE JUNGLE! VERY CLEVER, BOY!
GOING OUR WAY - GENTLEMEN?
LET'S GO! THE NATIVE CHIEF SAYS THEY'LL GIVE US A LIFT!
ASPIRIN

WELL - AT LEAST WE'RE SEEING THE FRENCH SUDAN - HENRY !
ASPIRIN
I'D MUCH RATHER SEE AN AMERICAN SEDAN, RIGHT NOW!
ASPIRIN
GOLLY, UNK - I'M HUNGRY !
ASPIRIN
SO AM I ! WAIT A MINUTE !
UNK'S TALKING TO THE CHIEF - - - AND THEY'RE BOTH SMILING !
GOOD NEWS - NEPHEW ! THE CHIEF SAYS HE'LL TAKE US HOME FOR DINNER !
I FEEL BETTER, NOW! LOOK - UNK, NO HANDS !
ASPIRIN
HERE WE ARE! I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE HAVING FOR DINNER ?
WE KNOW - - - US !

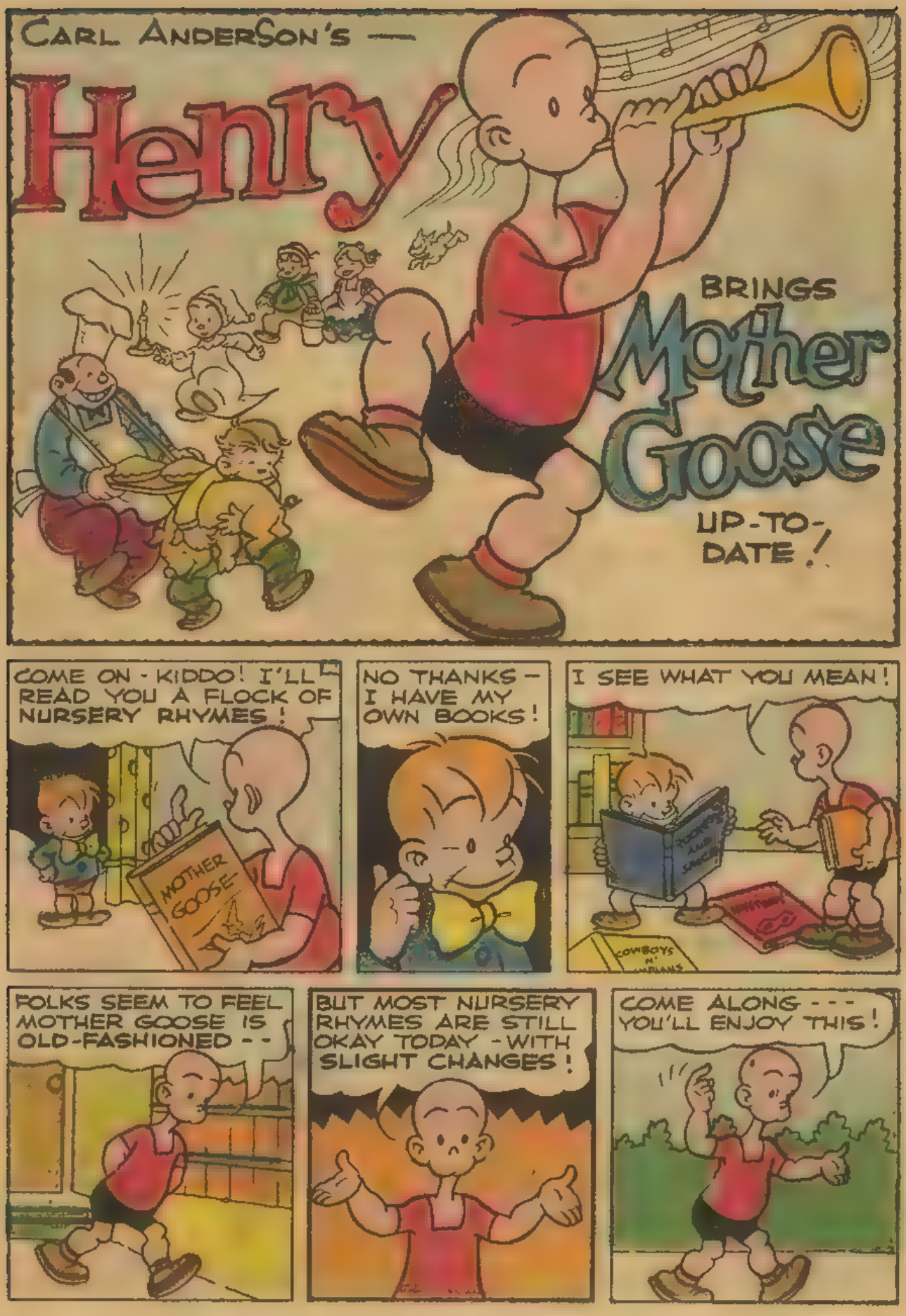
THESE NATIVES ARE CANNIBALS! THE CHIEF DECEIVED ME! BOY, THAT MAKES ME SORE!
I AGREE WITH YOU - UNCLE! IT BURNS ME UP, TOO!
KEEP CALM - KID! THERE'S NO USE GETTING YOURSELF INTO A STEW!
I WAS JUST THINKING - - - - IF HENRIETTA CAME ALONG AND ASKED "WHAT'S COOKING?"
I COULD ANSWER - "UNK AND I!"
TO BE OR NOT TO BE"...
UNK! THIS IS NO TIME TO START ACTING!
SH-H! I'M HOPING THEY DON'T CARE FOR BOILED HAM!
NOR "CORN"!
LOOK! THEY'RE ARGUING OVER HOW TO PREPARE US!
NOW IS THE TIME TO SCRATCH OUR NAMES OFF THE MENU!

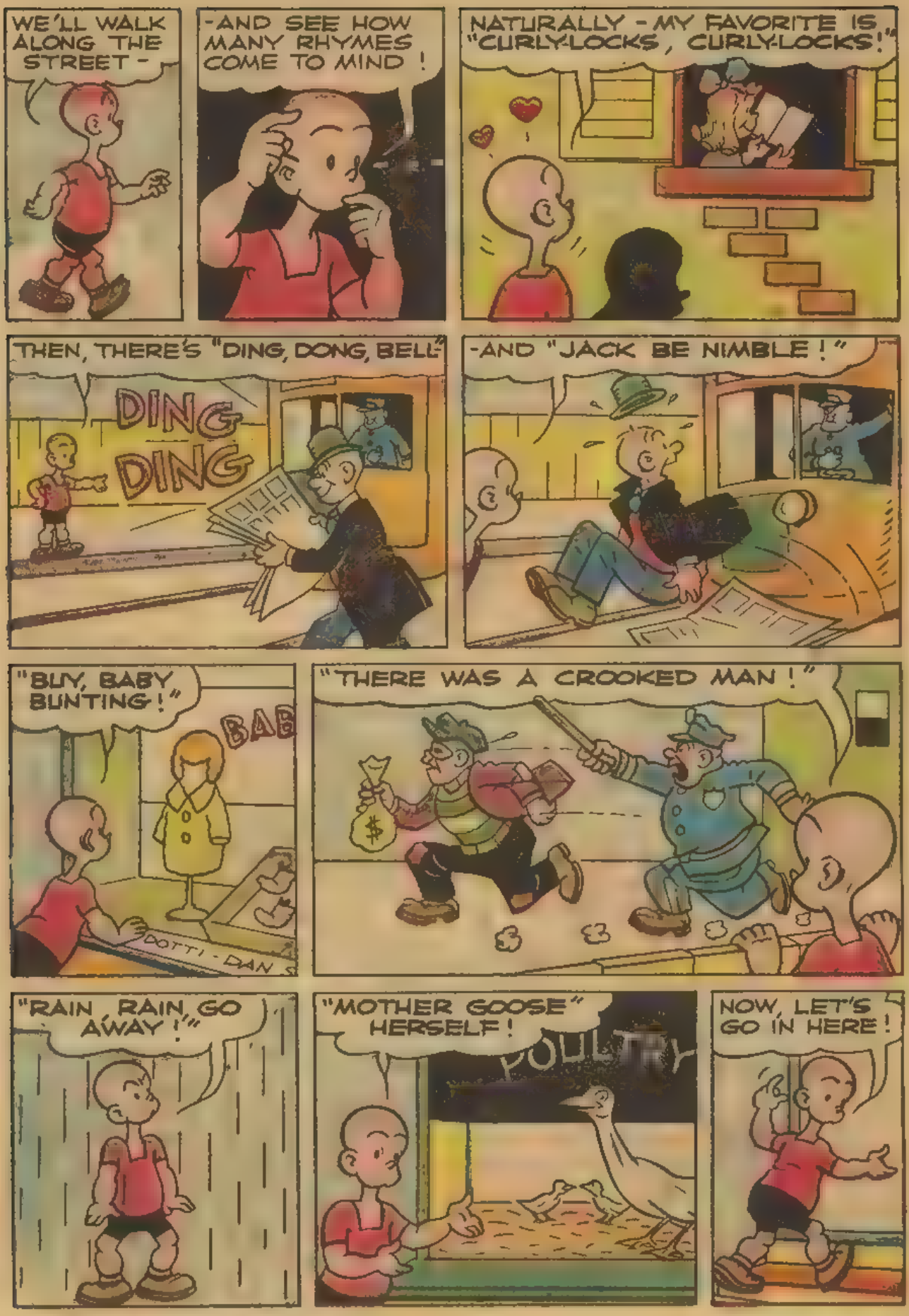
I'LL WAGER IT'S THE FIRST TIME THEIR FOOD RAN OUT ON THEM THIS EARLY !
IT'S GREAT TO FEEL SAFE AG . . .
YOU KNOW - LINK - - THE ONLY ANIMAL . .
THAT GIVES ME THE SHIVERS - - -
IS THE APE !
I'D HATE TO MEET UP WITH ONE OF THEM - - -
WOULDN'T YOU ?
THAT HOT BATH DID YOU A LOT OF GOOD, LINK -
YOU'RE LOOKING BETTER THAN EVER !
?

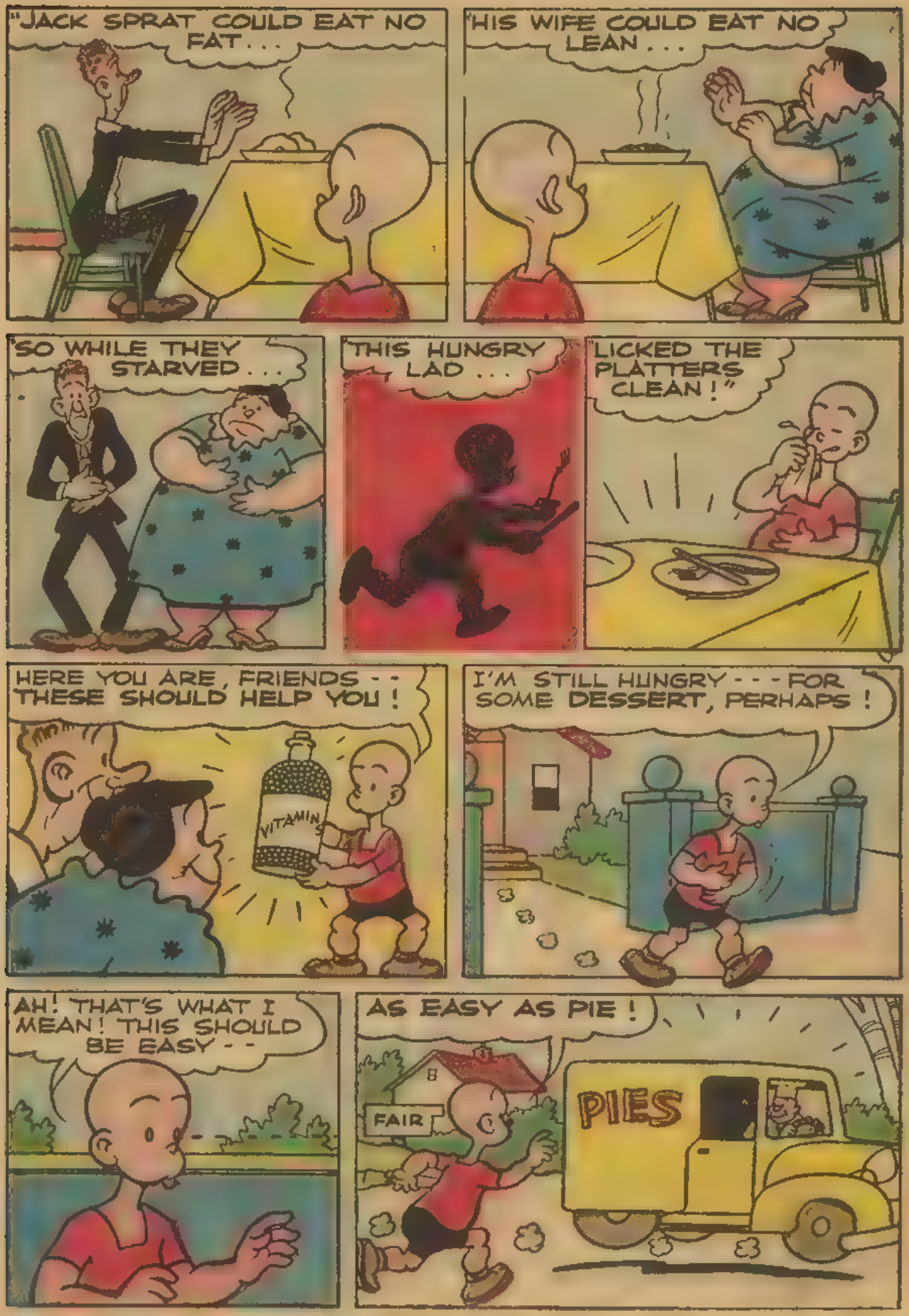
LET'S GET GOING!
? ? ?
THUMP THUMP THUMP
UNK! PLEASE DON'T STAMP YOUR FEET!
THUMP
THUMP
YOU SOUND LIKE A HERD OF ELEPHANTS!
!
I'LL HOLD 'EM OFF BY LOOKING 'EM IN THE EYE!
THIS SHOULD DO IT!
A-HA! THEY'RE WEAKENING--- THEY'RE BACKING UP! THEY'RE AFRAID OF ME!
I MUST REALLY HAVE A FEROCIOUS APPEARANCE!

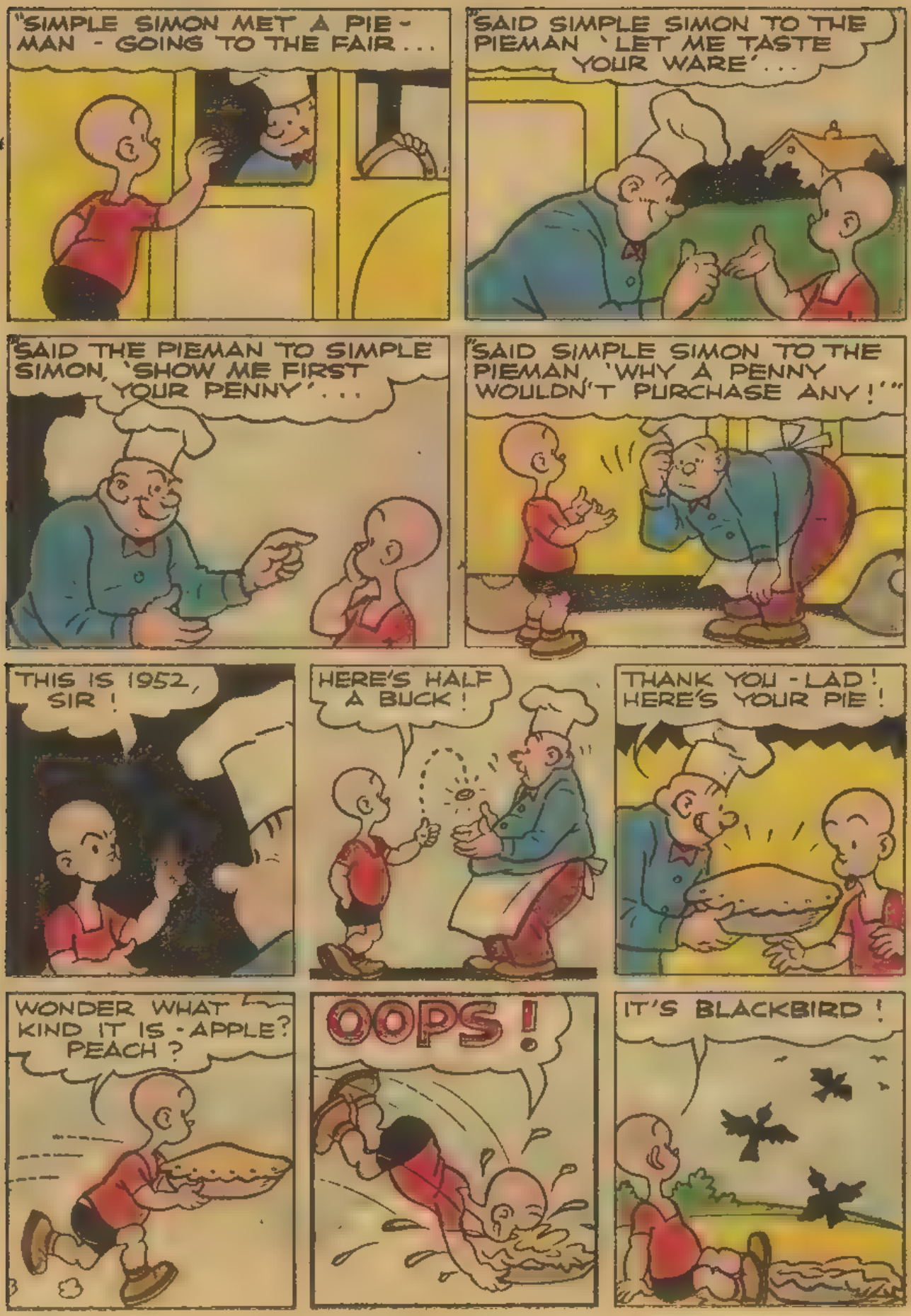

WHEN I GET HOME - I'LL USE THAT STARE ON BUTCH GRADY!
SPEAKING OF HOME - WHEN ARE W GOING HOME, UNK? UNK - UNK - UNK?
JEEPERS! WHAT HAPPENED TO UNK?
HELP! HELP!
HELP! HENRY!
UNK!
SAVE ME - NEPHEW! I'M ABOUT TO BE DEVOURED!
DO SOMETHING - PLEASE - HENRY!
RELAX - - -
THAT'S AN ANTEATER - AND YOU, OF COURSE, ARE AN UNCLE!
OH!
WHY DON'T YOU CLIMB OUT? THAT PIT ISN'T SO DEEP!
OH, NO! I'D BE DOWN A LOT DEEPER - - -
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE GIRAFFE I'M STANDING ON!

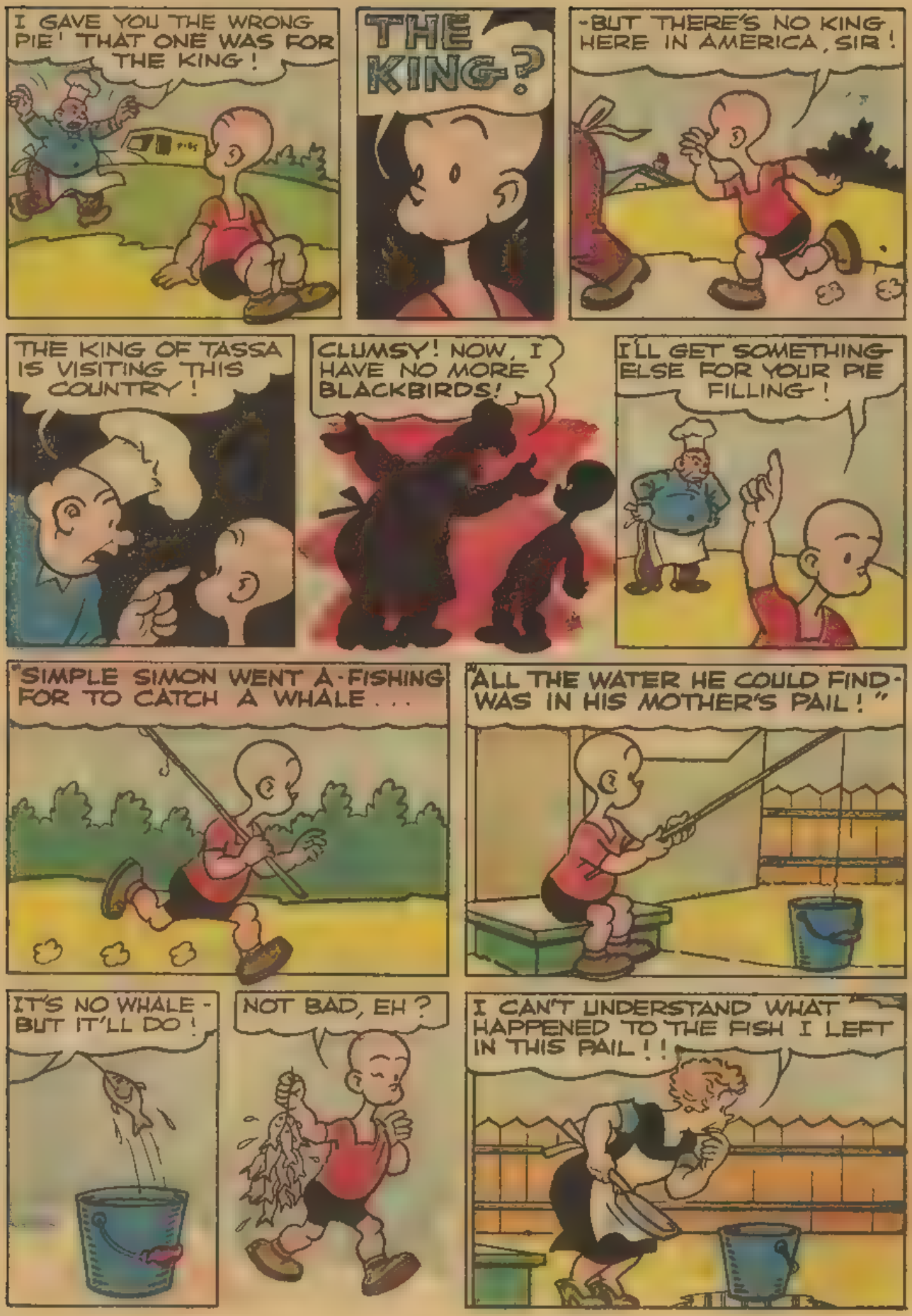
YOU DESERVE A HAND, UNK!
COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUR WAY OUT OF THIS JUNGLE - AND GET HOME!
HOME! HMM-SAY, UNK - - -
DO YOU SUPPOSE AUNT JESSIE HAS TAKEN OFF ANY WEIGHT?
AND - I SURMISE MORE OF MOM'S RELATIONS WILL BE VISITING US!
SAVE THE FUNNY REMARKS FOR THE LONG VOYAGE HOME!
HURRAY! I CAN SEE A BOAT THROUGH THE CLEARING!
SO-O AFTER DAYS ON THE OCEAN - -
OUR TWO BRAVE HUNTERS RETURN -
GR-R
CALL OFF YOUR DOG - HENRIETTA! WE WANT TO GO HOME!
WOOF!
THE END

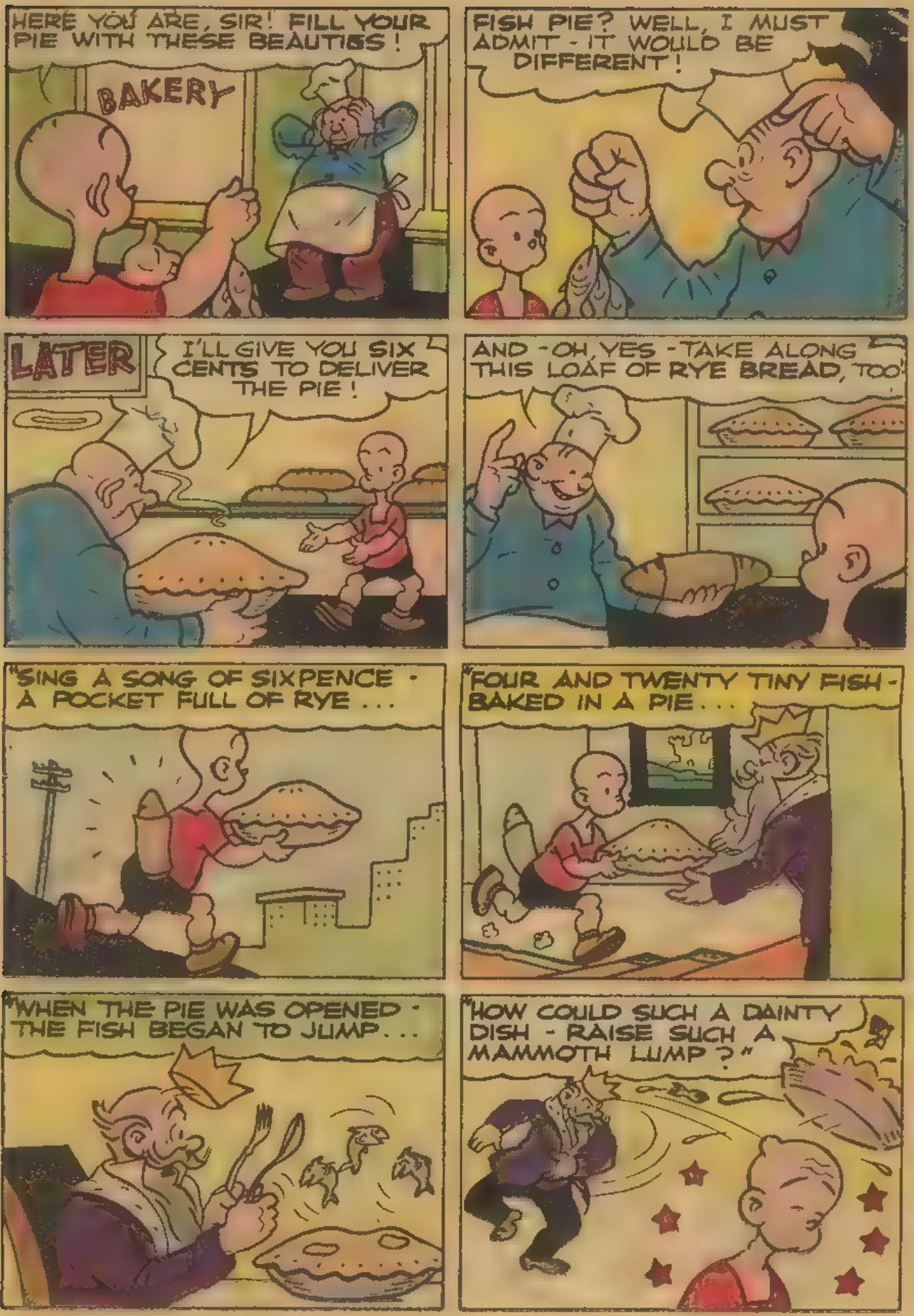

CARL ANDERSON'S —
Henry
BRINGS
Mother Goose
UP-TO-DATE!
COME ON - KIDDO! I'LL READ YOU A FLOCK OF NURSERY RHYMES!
MOTHER GOOSE
NO THANKS — I HAVE MY OWN BOOKS!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!
COWBOYS N' INDIANS
FOLKS SEEM TO FEEL MOTHER GOOSE IS OLD-FASHIONED - -
BUT MOST NURSERY RHYMES ARE STILL OKAY TODAY - WITH SLIGHT CHANGES!
COME ALONG - - - YOU'LL ENJOY THIS!

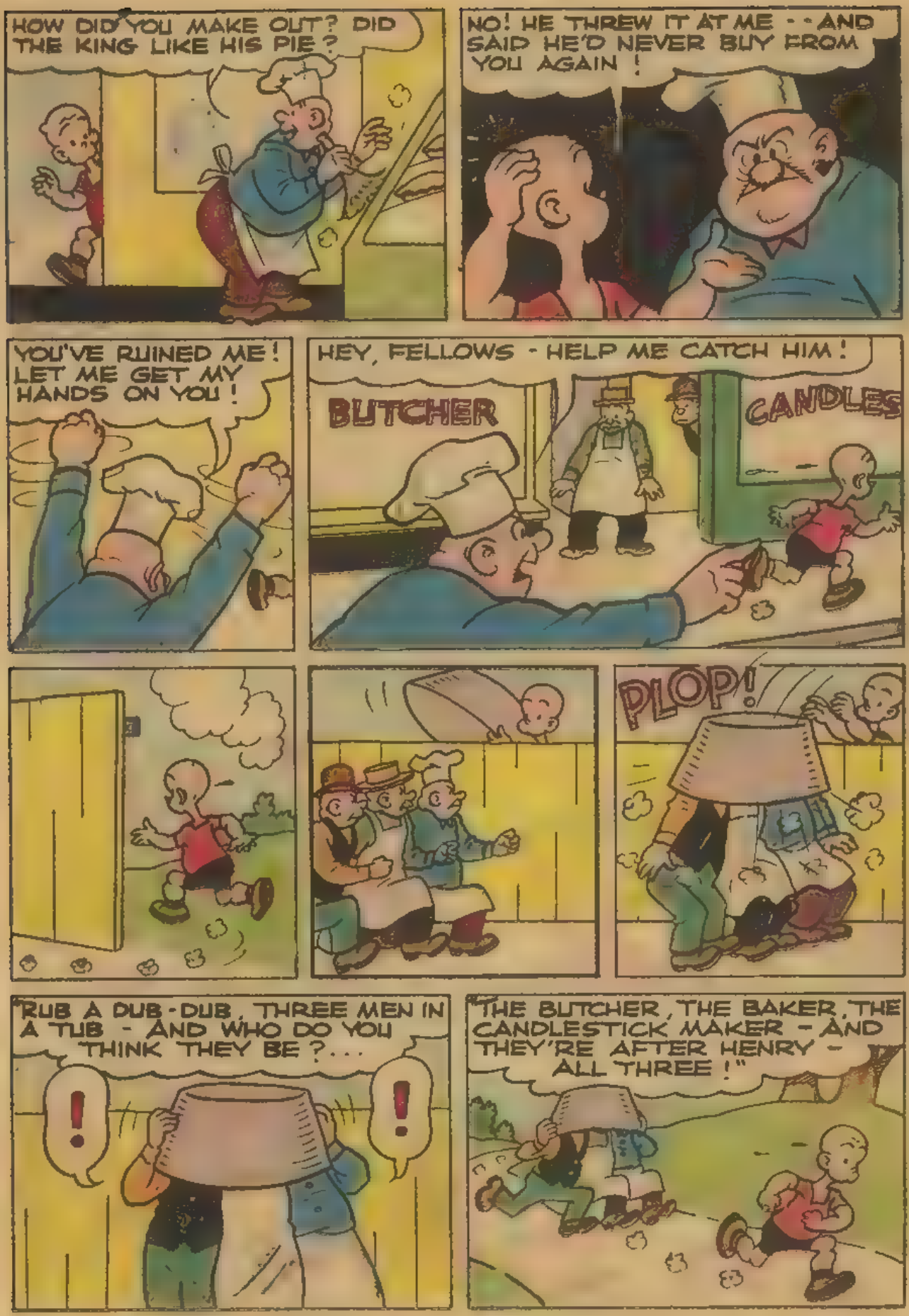

WE'LL WALK ALONG THE STREET -
-AND SEE HOW MANY RHYMES COME TO MIND !
NATURALLY - MY FAVORITE IS "CURLY-LOCKS, CURLY-LOCKS!"
THEN, THERE'S "DING, DONG, BELL"
DING DING
-AND "JACK BE NIMBLE !"
"BUY, BABY BUNTING!"
BAB
DOTTI - DAN
"THERE WAS A CROOKED MAN !"
"RAIN RAIN, GO AWAY !"
"MOTHER GOOSE" HERSELF !
POULTRY
NOW, LET'S GO IN HERE !

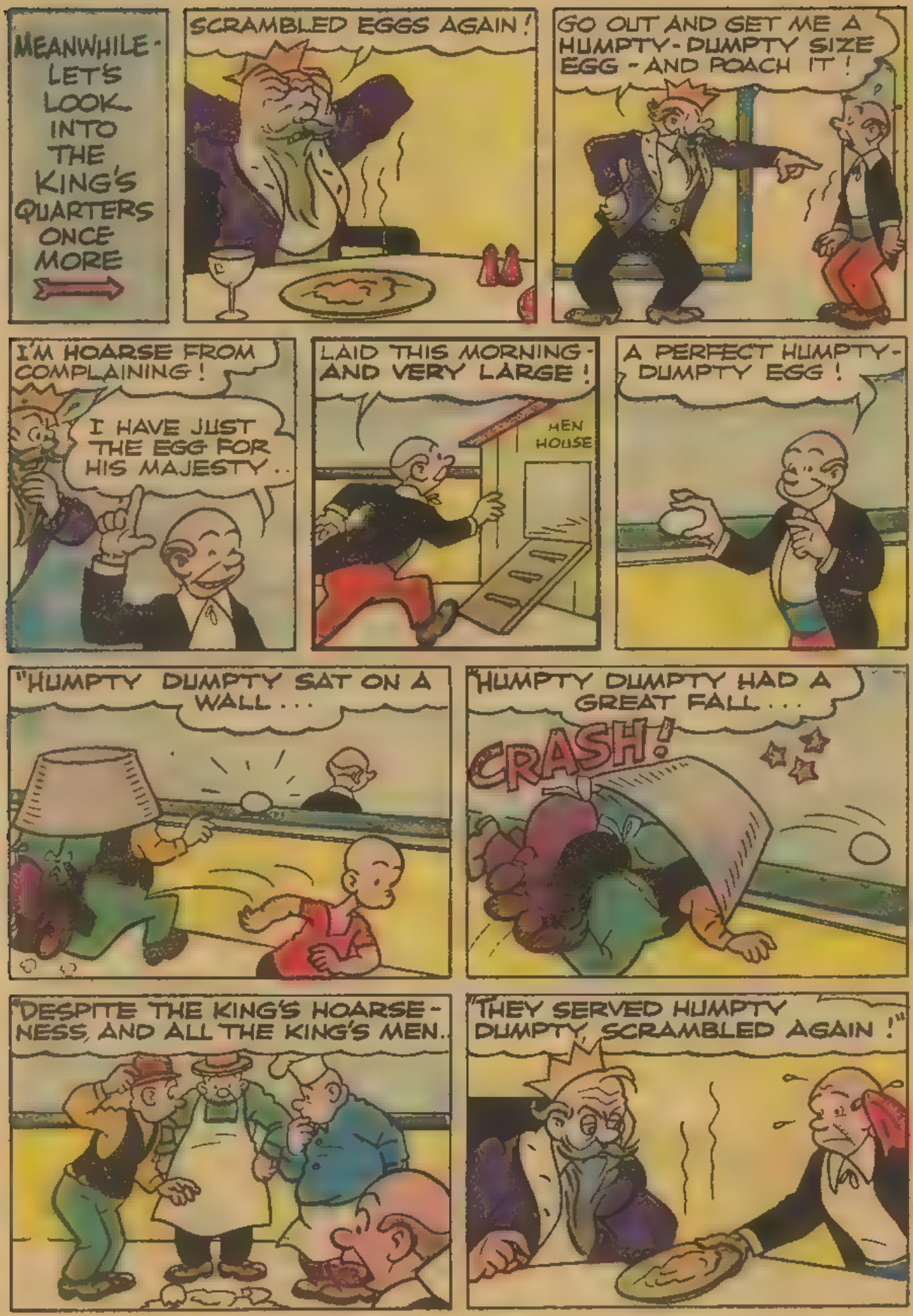

"JACK SPRAT COULD EAT NO FAT . . .
HIS WIFE COULD EAT NO LEAN . . .
SO WHILE THEY STARVED . . .
THIS HUNGRY LAD . . .
"LICKED THE PLATTERS CLEAN!"
HERE YOU ARE, FRIENDS - - THESE SHOULD HELP YOU!
VITAMIN
I'M STILL HUNGRY - - - FOR SOME DESSERT, PERHAPS!
AH! THAT'S WHAT I MEAN! THIS SHOULD BE EASY - -
AS EASY AS PIE!
FAIR
PIES

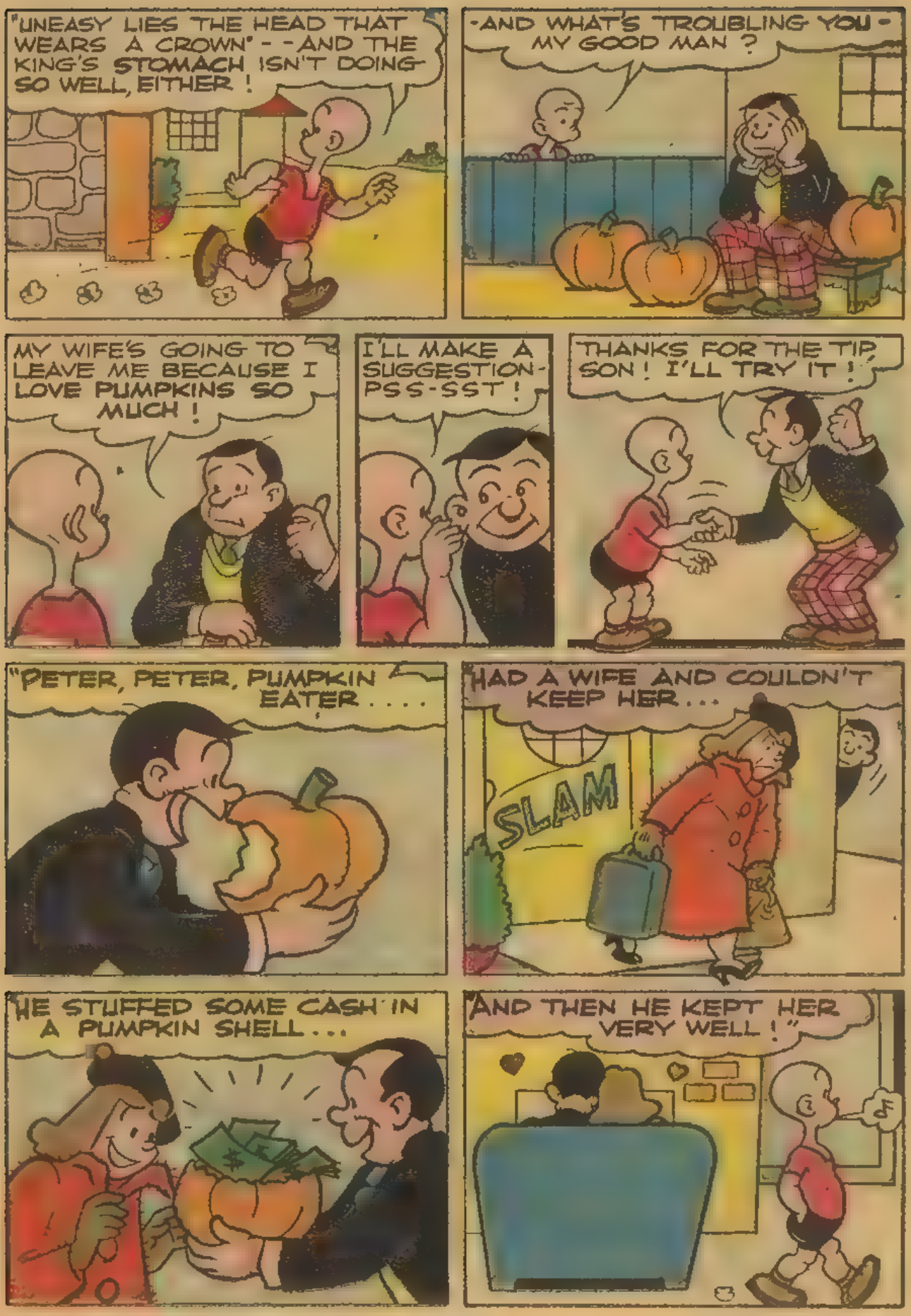

"SIMPLE SIMON MET A PIE-MAN - GOING TO THE FAIR...
"SAID SIMPLE SIMON TO THE PIEMAN 'LET ME TASTE YOUR WARE'...
"SAID THE PIEMAN TO SIMPLE SIMON, 'SHOW ME FIRST YOUR PENNY'...
"SAID SIMPLE SIMON TO THE PIEMAN, 'WHY A PENNY WOULDN'T PURCHASE ANY!'"
THIS IS 1952, SIR!
HERE'S HALF A BUCK!
THANK YOU - LAD! HERE'S YOUR PIE!
WONDER WHAT KIND IT IS - APPLE? PEACH?
OOPS!
IT'S BLACKBIRD!

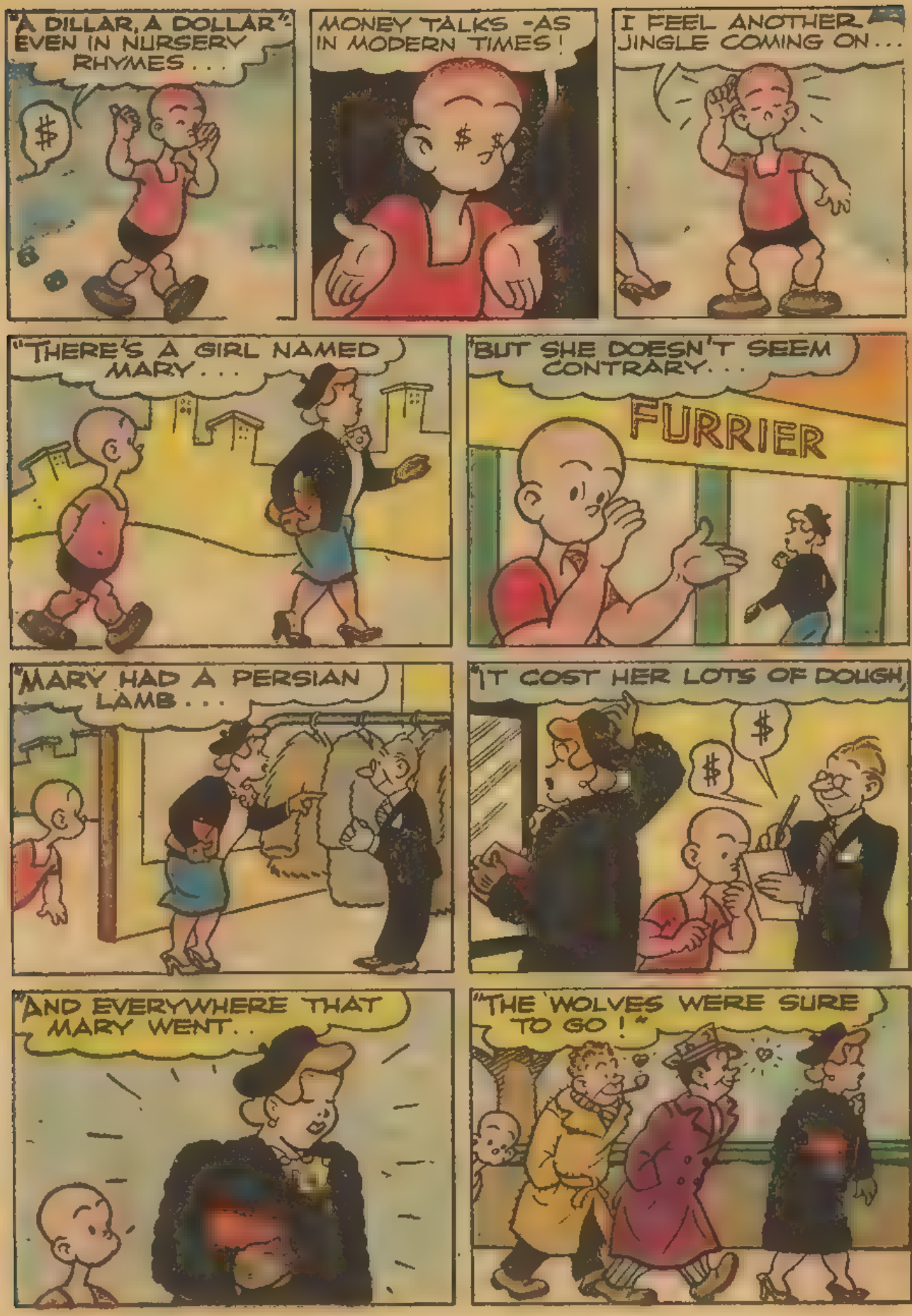

I GAVE YOU THE WRONG PIE! THAT ONE WAS FOR THE KING!
THE KING?
-BUT THERE'S NO KING HERE IN AMERICA, SIR!
THE KING OF TASSA IS VISITING THIS COUNTRY!
CLUMSY! NOW, I HAVE NO MORE BLACKBIRDS!
I'LL GET SOMETHING ELSE FOR YOUR PIE FILLING!
"SIMPLE SIMON WENT A-FISHING FOR TO CATCH A WHALE . . .
"ALL THE WATER HE COULD FIND- WAS IN HIS MOTHER'S PAIL!"
IT'S NO WHALE - BUT IT'LL DO!
NOT BAD, EH?
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FISH I LEFT IN THIS PAIL!!


HERE YOU ARE, SIR! FILL YOUR PIE WITH THESE BEAUTIES!
BAKERY
FISH PIE? WELL, I MUST ADMIT - IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT!
LATER
I'LL GIVE YOU SIX CENTS TO DELIVER THE PIE!
AND - OH, YES - TAKE ALONG THIS LOAF OF RYE BREAD, TOO!
"SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE - A POCKET FULL OF RYE . . .
"FOUR AND TWENTY TINY FISH - BAKED IN A PIE . . .
"WHEN THE PIE WAS OPENED - THE FISH BEGAN TO JUMP . . .
"HOW COULD SUCH A DAINTY DISH - RAISE SUCH A MAMMOTH LUMP?"


HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT? DID THE KING LIKE HIS PIE?
NO! HE THREW IT AT ME - - AND SAID HE'D NEVER BUY FROM YOU AGAIN !
YOU'VE RUINED ME! LET ME GET MY HANDS ON YOU !
HEY, FELLOWS - HELP ME CATCH HIM !
BUTCHER
CANDLES
PLOP!
"RUB A DUB - DUB, THREE MEN IN A TUB - AND WHO DO YOU THINK THEY BE ?...
"THE BUTCHER, THE BAKER, THE CANDLESTICK MAKER - AND THEY'RE AFTER HENRY - ALL THREE !"


MEANWHILE - LET'S LOOK INTO THE KING'S QUARTERS ONCE MORE
SCRAMBLED EGGS AGAIN!
GO OUT AND GET ME A HUMPTY-DUMPTY SIZE EGG - AND POACH IT!
I'M HOARSE FROM COMPLAINING!
I HAVE JUST THE EGG FOR HIS MAJESTY..
LAID THIS MORNING - AND VERY LARGE!
HEN HOUSE
A PERFECT HUMPTY-DUMPTY EGG!
"HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL...
"HUMPTY DUMPTY HAD A GREAT FALL...
CRASH!
"DESPITE THE KING'S HOARSE-NESS, AND ALL THE KING'S MEN..
"THEY SERVED HUMPTY DUMPTY, SCRAMBLED AGAIN!"


"UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN" - - AND THE KING'S STOMACH ISN'T DOING SO WELL, EITHER !
-AND WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU - MY GOOD MAN ?
MY WIFE'S GOING TO LEAVE ME BECAUSE I LOVE PUMPKINS SO MUCH !
I'LL MAKE A SUGGESTION - PSS-SST !
THANKS FOR THE TIP, SON ! I'LL TRY IT !
"PETER, PETER, PUMPKIN EATER . . . .
HAD A WIFE AND COULDN'T KEEP HER . . .
SLAM
HE STUFFED SOME CASH IN A PUMPKIN SHELL . . .
AND THEN HE KEPT HER VERY WELL !"


"A DILLAR, A DOLLAR"- EVEN IN NURSERY RHYMES . . .
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MONEY TALKS -AS IN MODERN TIMES!
$
I FEEL ANOTHER JINGLE COMING ON . . .
"THERE'S A GIRL NAMED MARY . . .
"BUT SHE DOESN'T SEEM CONTRARY . . .
FURRIER
"MARY HAD A PERSIAN LAMB . . .
"IT COST HER LOTS OF DOUGH,
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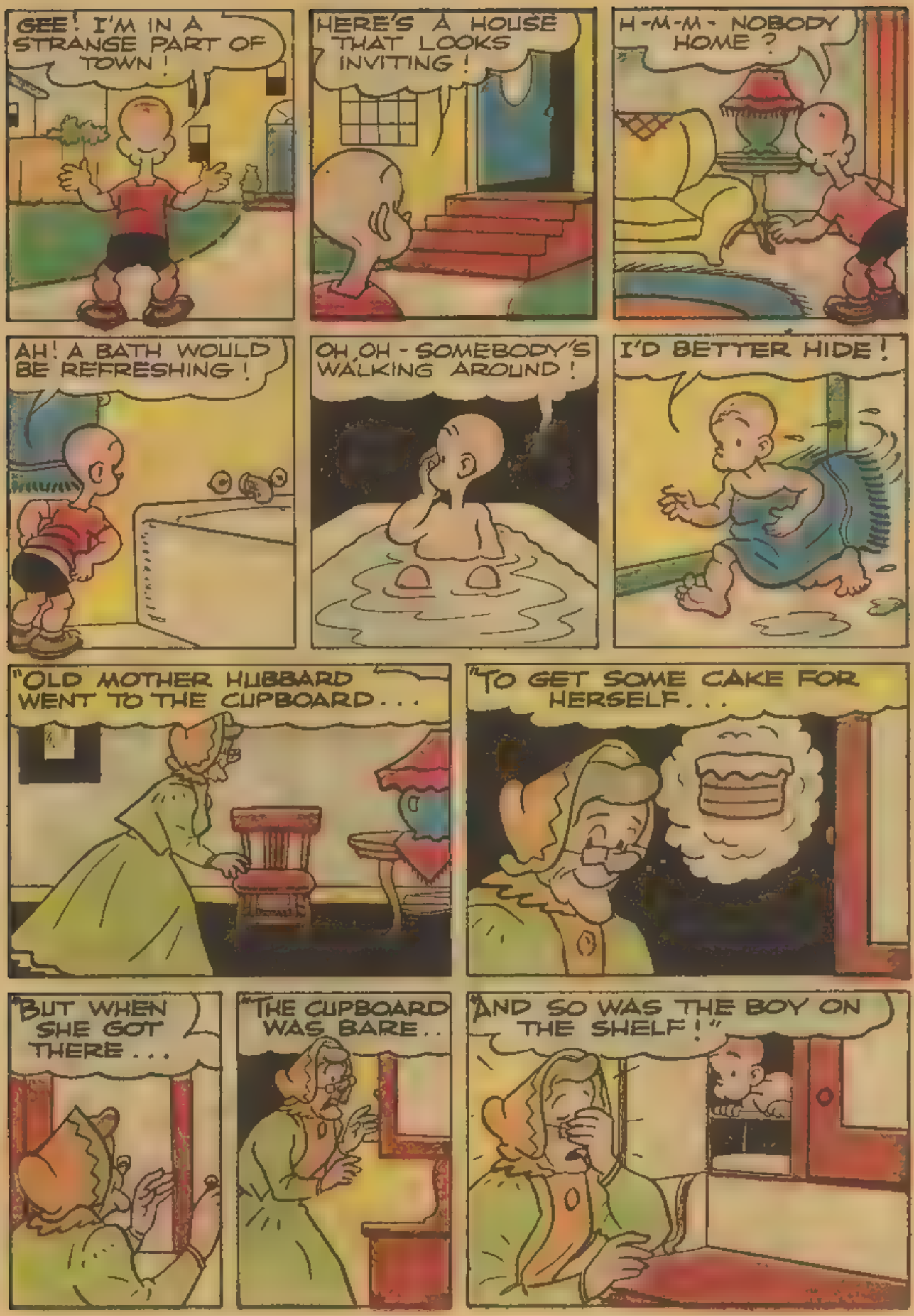
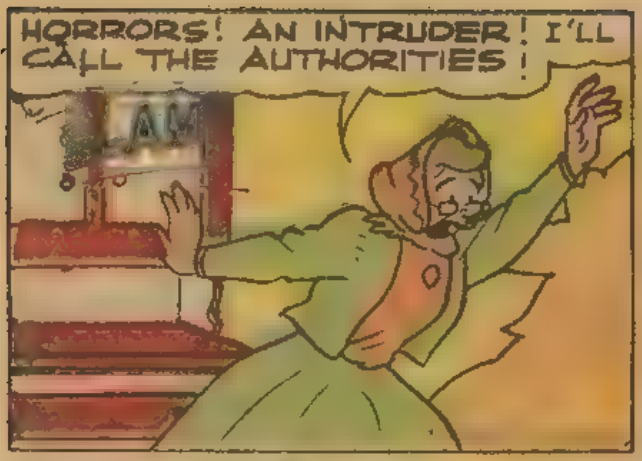
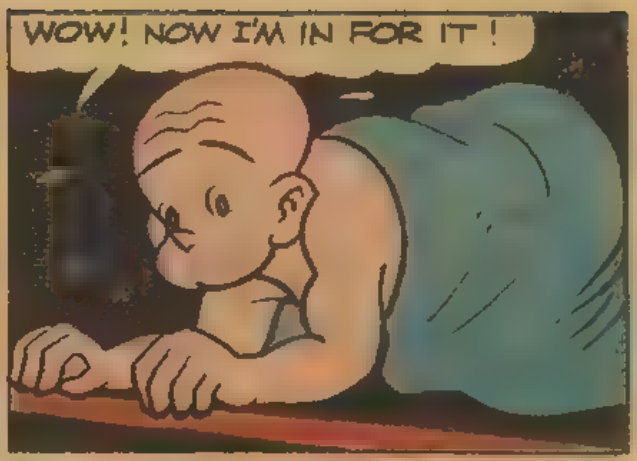
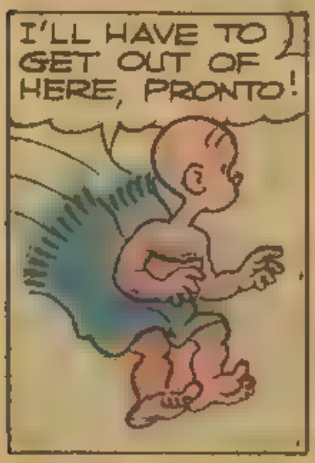
"AND EVERYWHERE THAT MARY WENT . .
"THE WOLVES WERE SURE TO GO!"

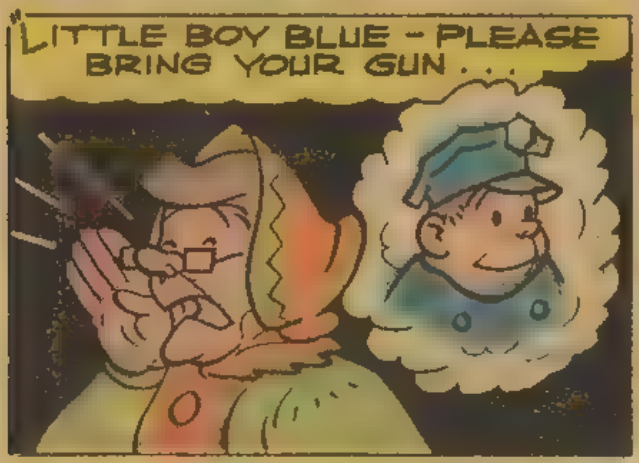

GEE! I'M IN A STRANGE PART OF TOWN!
HERE'S A HOUSE THAT LOOKS INVITING!
H-M-M- NOBODY HOME?
AH! A BATH WOULD BE REFRESHING!
OH,OH - SOMEBODY'S WALKING AROUND!
I'D BETTER HIDE!
"OLD MOTHER HUBBARD WENT TO THE CUPBOARD...
"TO GET SOME CAKE FOR HERSELF...
"BUT WHEN SHE GOT THERE...
"THE CUPBOARD WAS BARE..
"AND SO WAS THE BOY ON THE SHELF!"

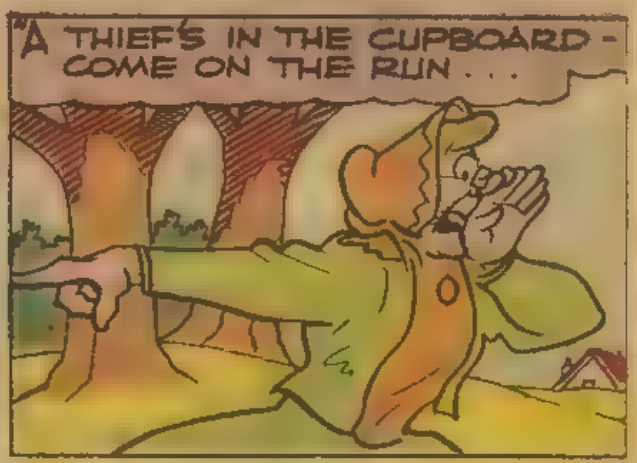

HORRORS! AN INTRUDER! I'LL CALL THE AUTHORITIES!
LAW

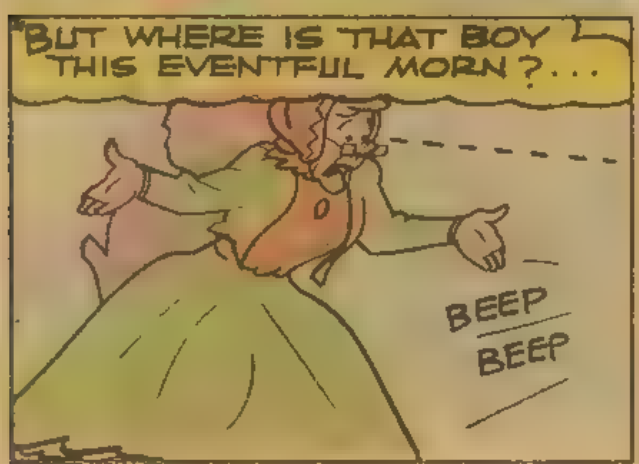

WOW! NOW I'M IN FOR IT!

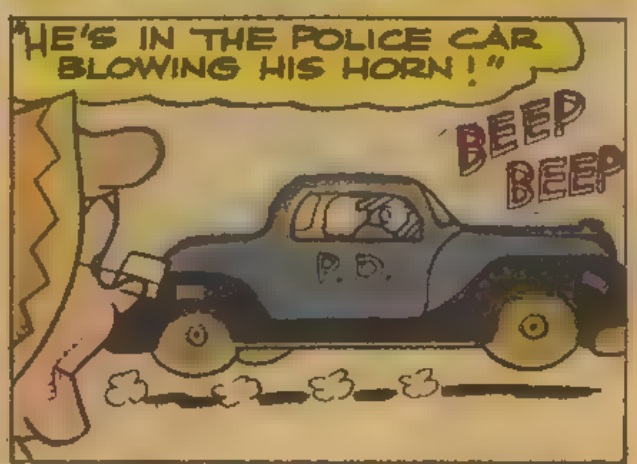

I'LL HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE, PRONTO!

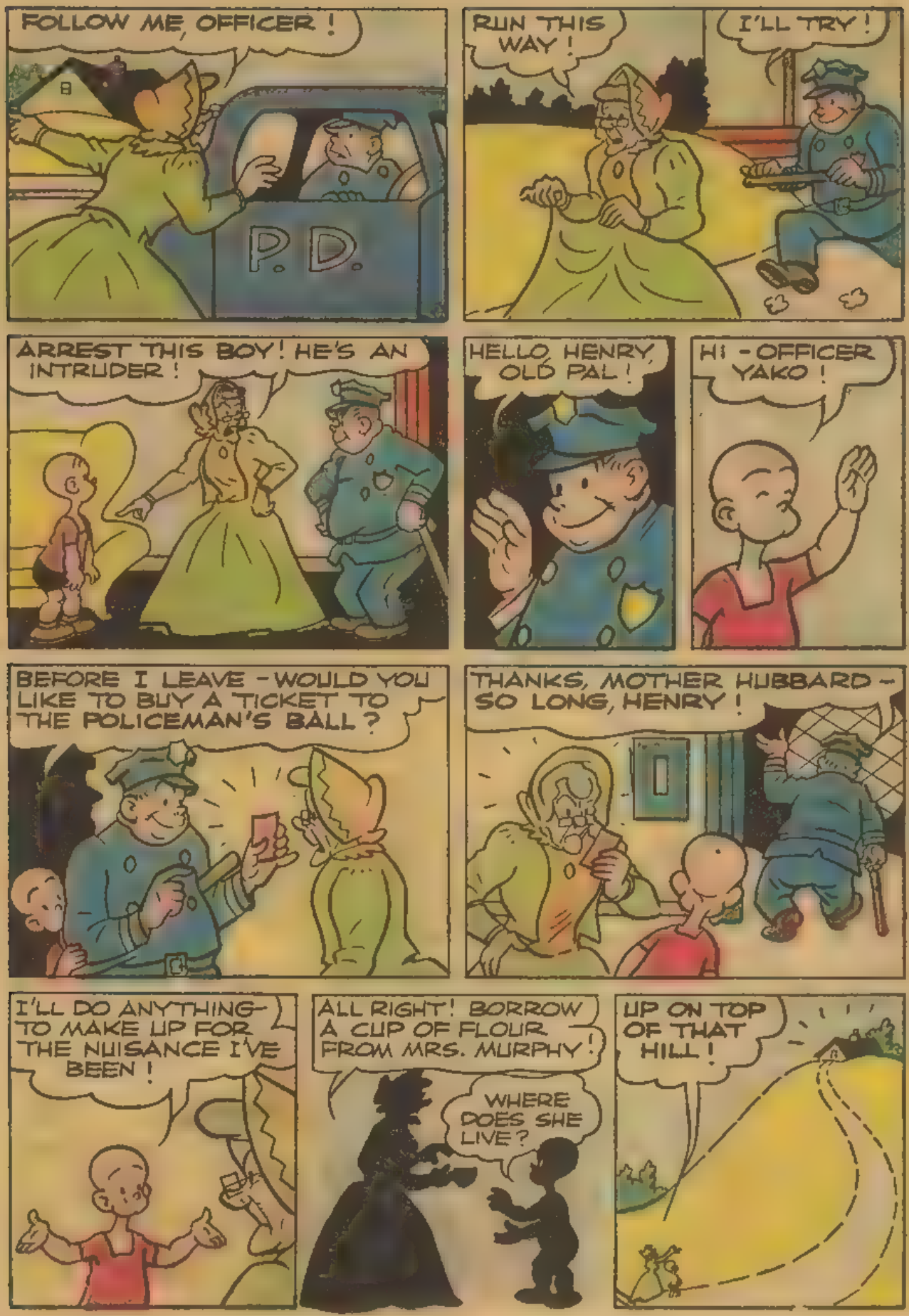
MEANWHILE
POLICE!

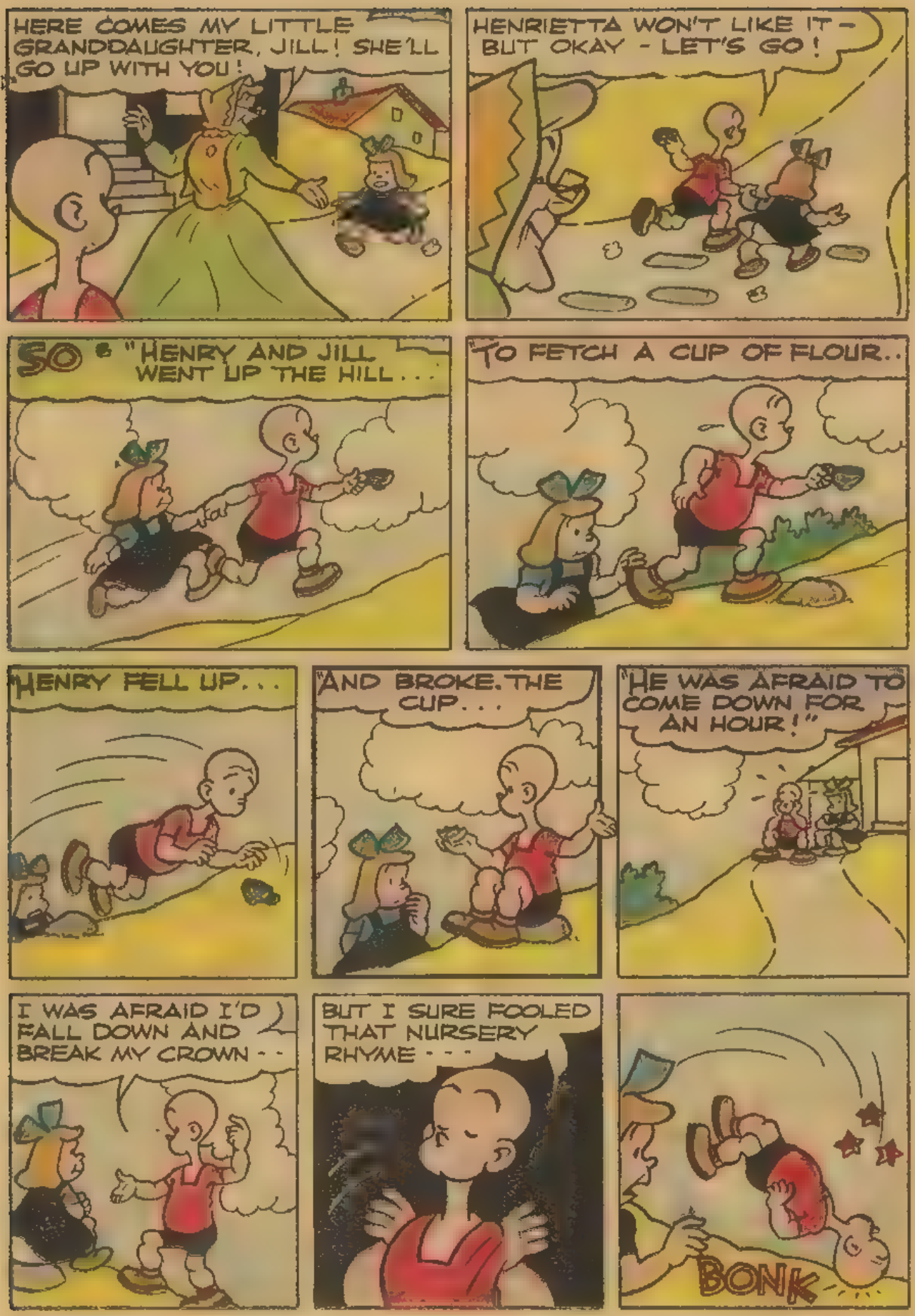

"LITTLE BOY BLUE - PLEASE BRING YOUR GUN . . .

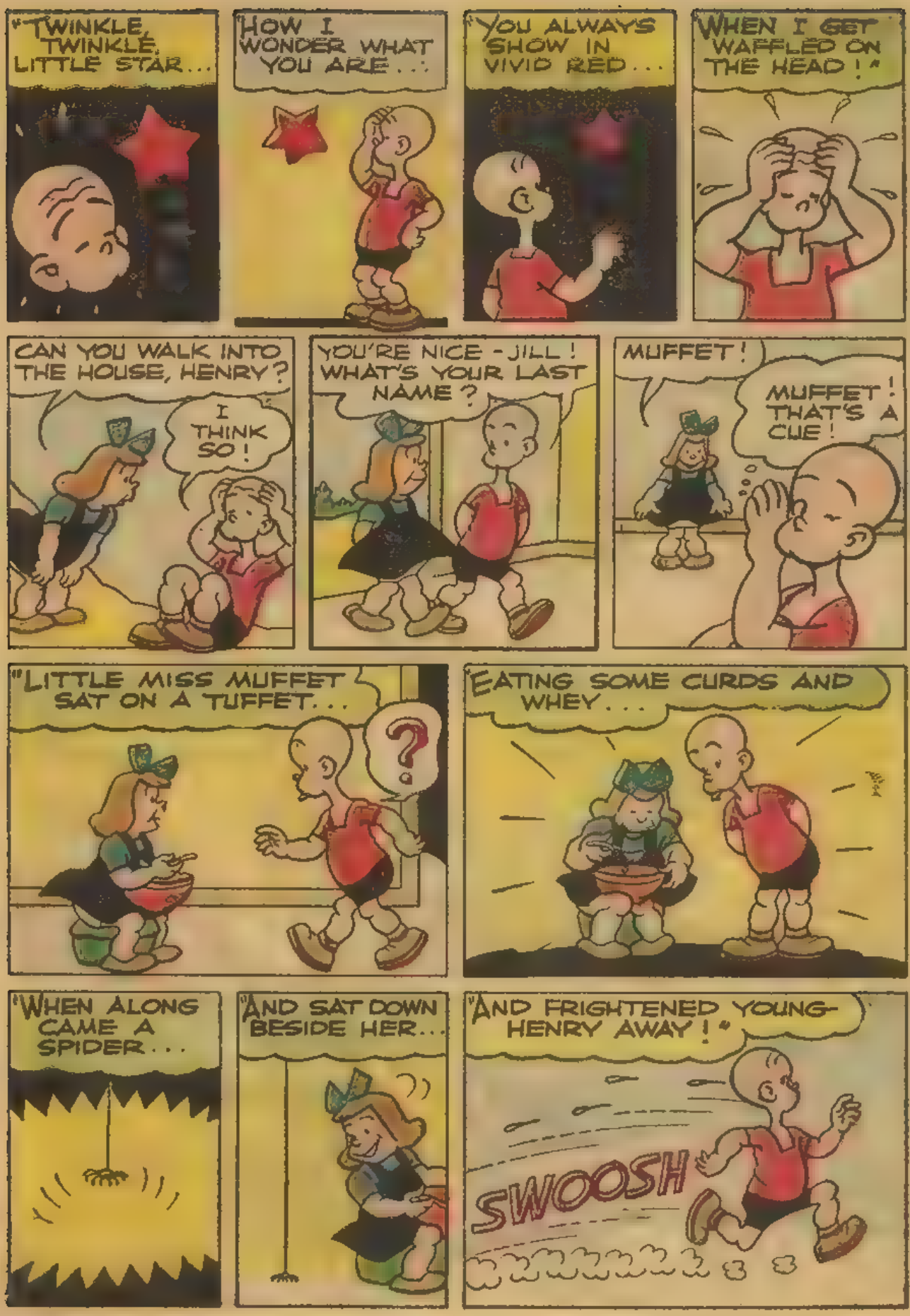

"A THIEF'S IN THE CUPBOARD - COME ON THE RUN . . .

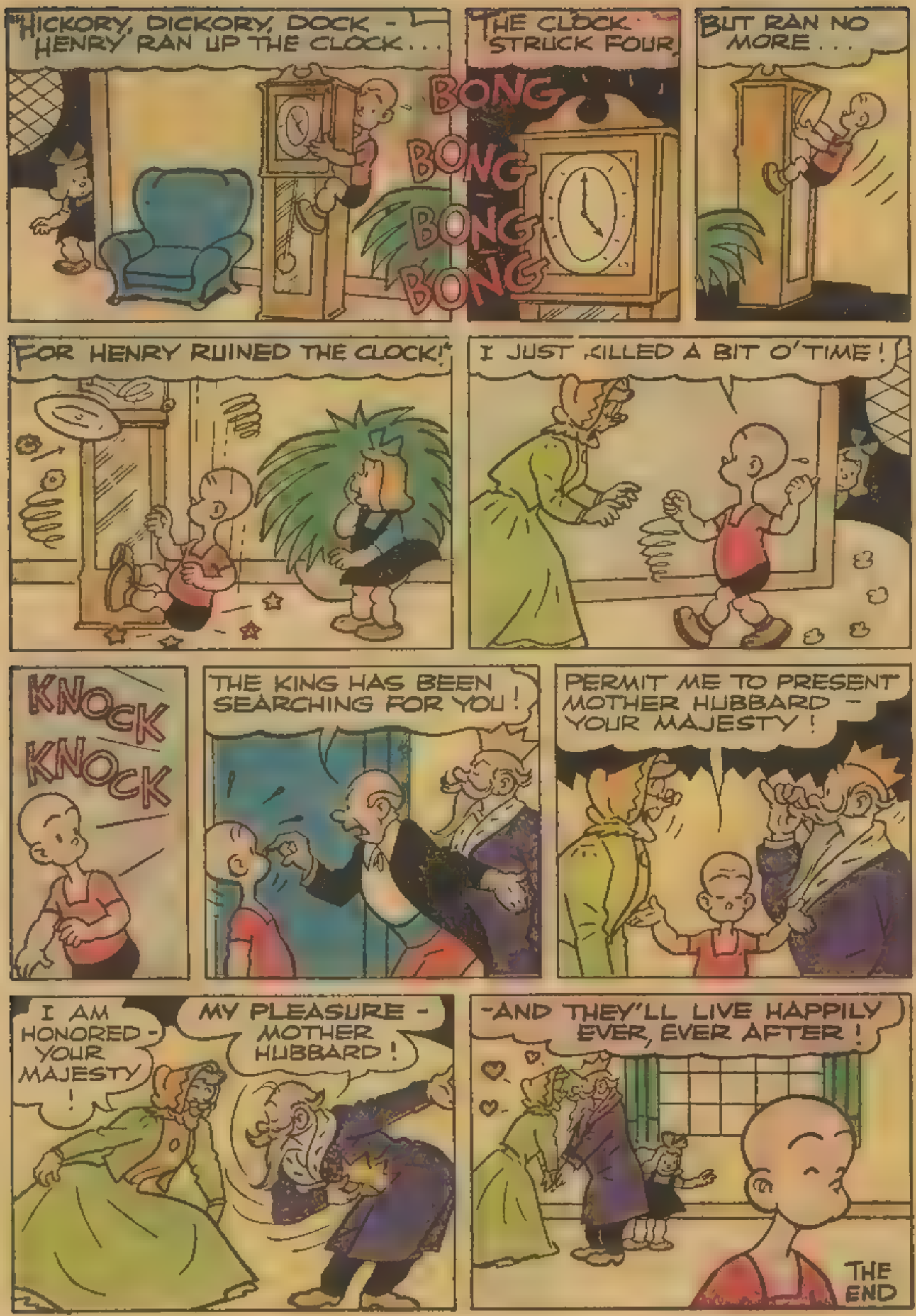

BUT WHERE IS THAT BOY THIS EVENTFUL MORN?...
BEEP
BEEP


"HE'S IN THE POLICE CAR BLOWING HIS HORN!"
BEEP
BEEP
P. D.

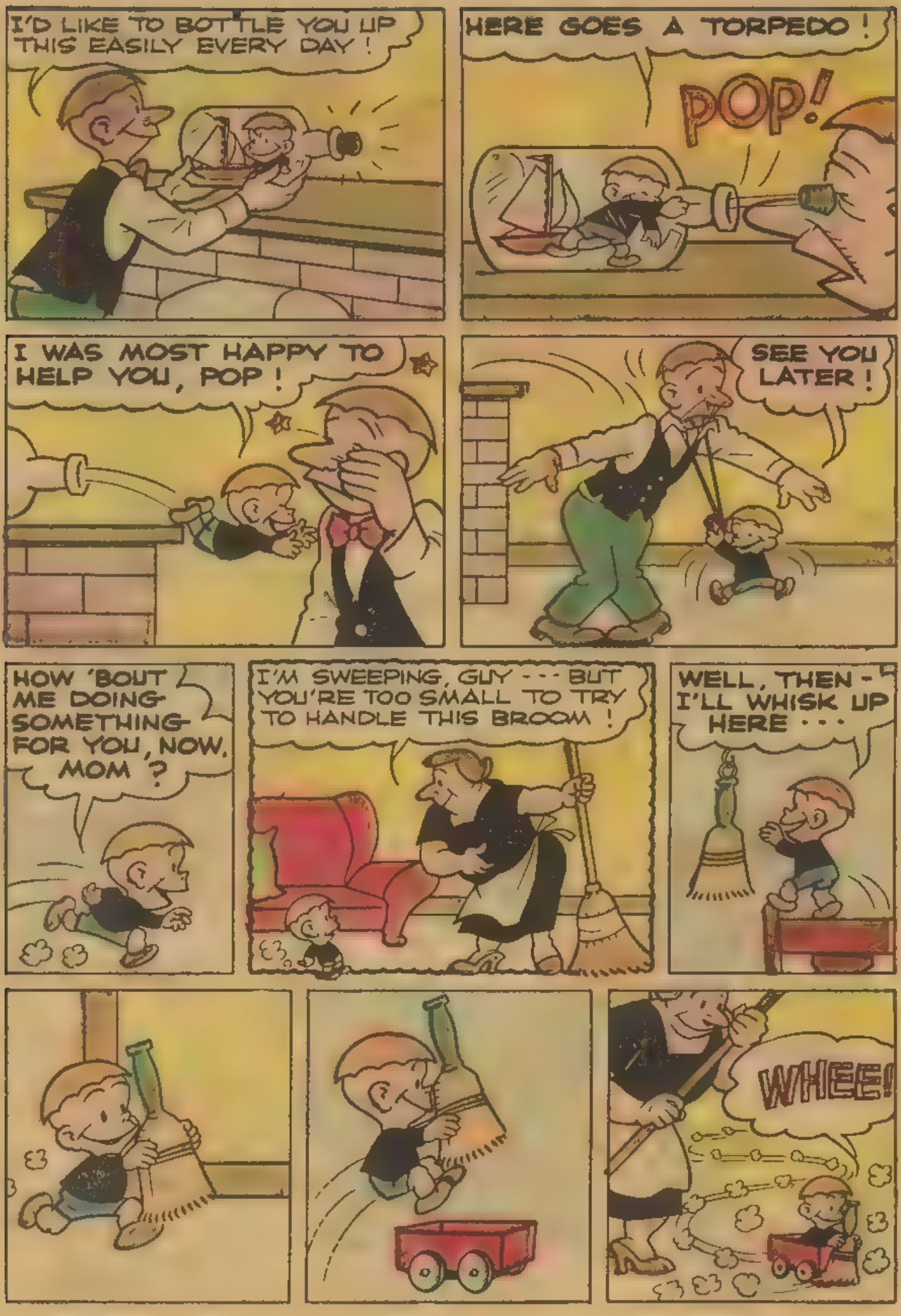

FOLLOW ME, OFFICER !
P. D.
RUN THIS WAY !
I'LL TRY !
ARREST THIS BOY! HE'S AN INTRUDER !
HELLO HENRY, OLD PAL !
HI - OFFICER YAKO !
BEFORE I LEAVE - WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A TICKET TO THE POLICEMAN'S BALL ?
THANKS, MOTHER HUBBARD - SO LONG, HENRY !
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE UP FOR THE NUISANCE I'VE BEEN !
ALL RIGHT! BORROW A CUP OF FLOUR FROM MRS. MURPHY !
WHERE DOES SHE LIVE ?
UP ON TOP OF THAT HILL !

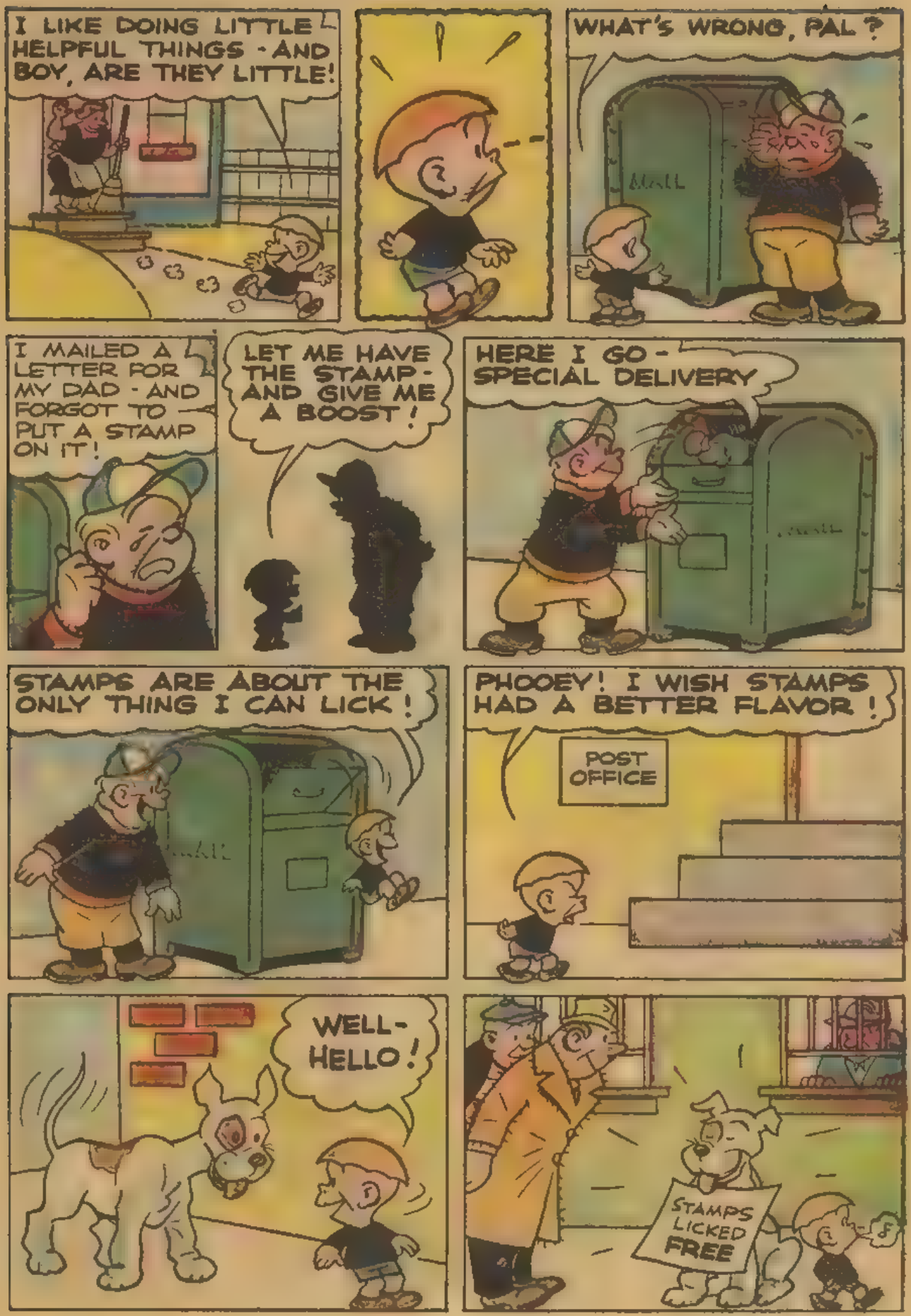

HERE COMES MY LITTLE GRANDDAUGHTER, JILL! SHE'LL GO UP WITH YOU!
HENRIETTA WON'T LIKE IT — BUT OKAY - LET'S GO!
SO & "HENRY AND JILL WENT UP THE HILL...
"TO FETCH A CUP OF FLOUR..
"HENRY FELL UP...
"AND BROKE THE CUP...
"HE WAS AFRAID TO COME DOWN FOR AN HOUR!"
I WAS AFRAID I'D FALL DOWN AND BREAK MY CROWN--
BUT I SURE FOOLED THAT NURSERY RHYME---
BONK

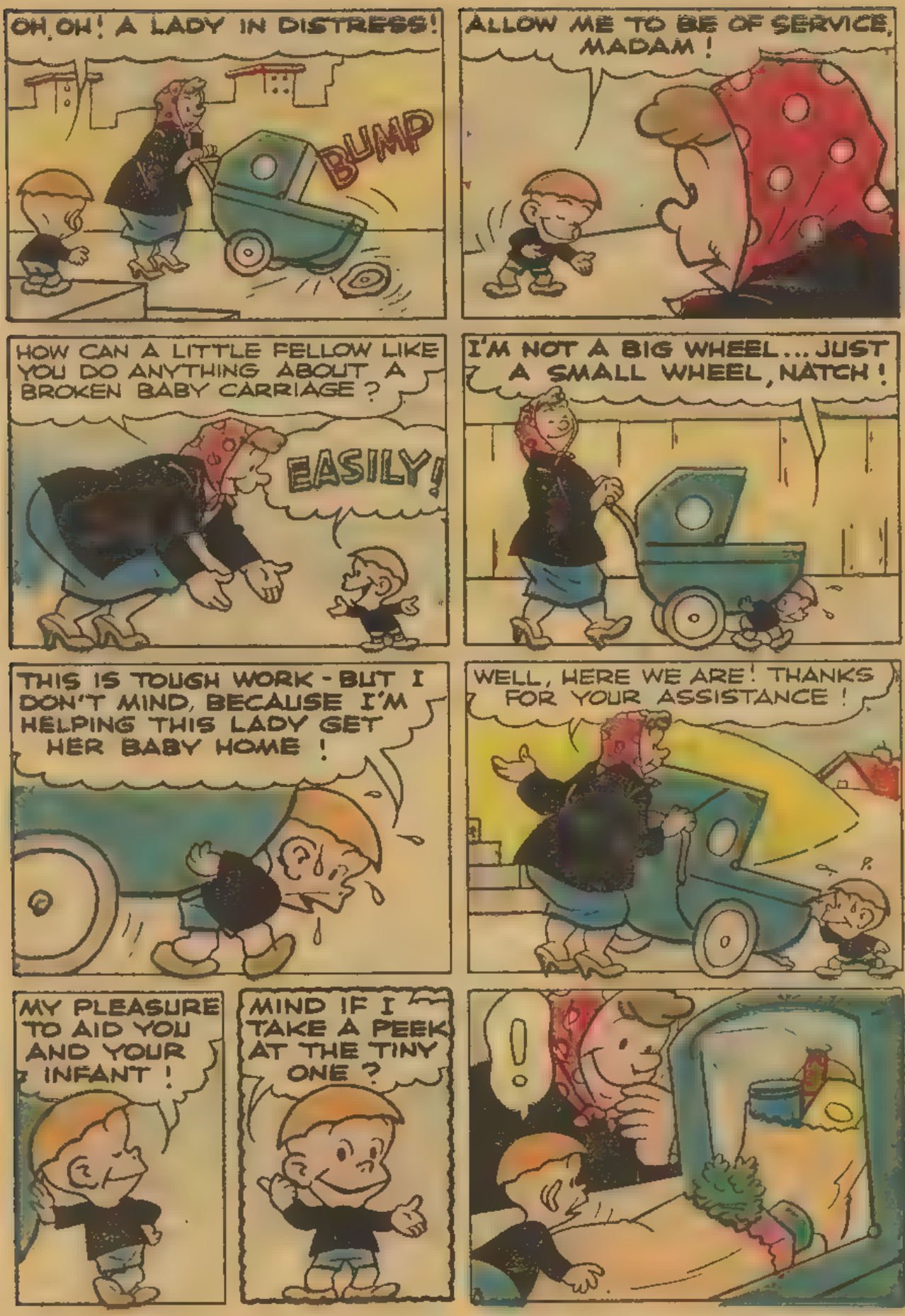

"TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR...
HOW I WONDER WHAT YOU ARE...
YOU ALWAYS SHOW IN VIVID RED...
WHEN I GET WAFFLED ON THE HEAD!"
CAN YOU WALK INTO THE HOUSE, HENRY?
I THINK SO!
YOU'RE NICE - JILL! WHAT'S YOUR LAST NAME?
MUFFET!
MUFFET! THAT'S A CUE!
"LITTLE MISS MUFFET SAT ON A TUFFET...
?
EATING SOME CURDS AND WHEY...
"WHEN ALONG CAME A SPIDER...
"AND SAT DOWN BESIDE HER...
"AND FRIGHTENED YOUNG HENRY AWAY!"
SWOOSH


"HICKORY, DICKORY, DOCK - HENRY RAN UP THE CLOCK . . .
THE CLOCK STRUCK FOUR,
BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
BUT RAN NO MORE . . .
FOR HENRY RUINED THE CLOCK!"
I JUST KILLED A BIT O' TIME!
KNOCK KNOCK
THE KING HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU!
PERMIT ME TO PRESENT MOTHER HUBBARD - YOUR MAJESTY!
I AM HONORED - YOUR MAJESTY!
MY PLEASURE - MOTHER HUBBARD!
-AND THEY'LL LIVE HAPPILY EVER, EVER AFTER!
THE END

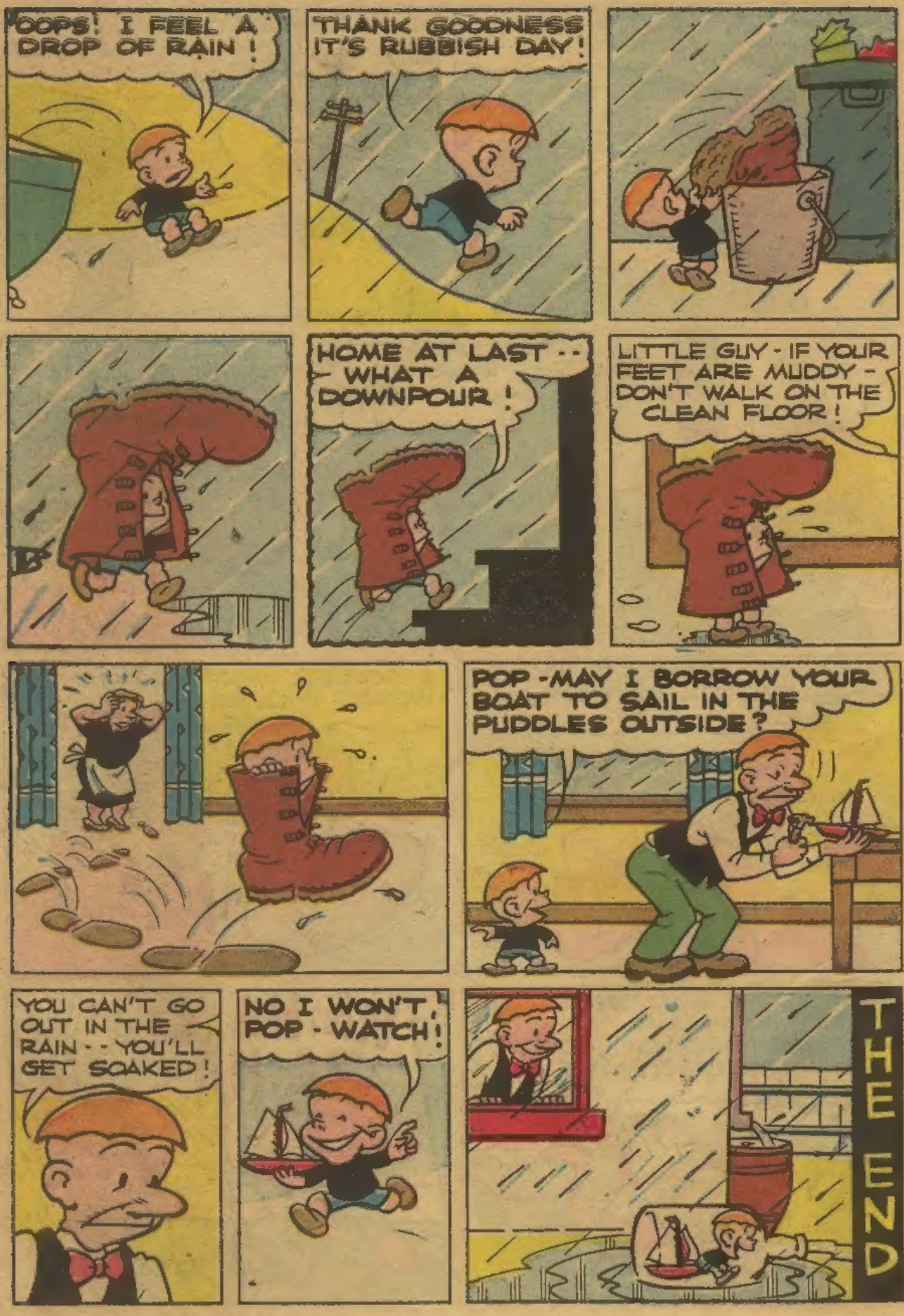
LITTLE GUY
WITH BIG-IDEAS!
HEY, POP! POP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M ATTEMPTING TO BUILD A SHIP INSIDE THIS BOTTLE!
I'LL HELP YOU!
I'LL NEVER ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING, NOW!
HAND ME THE HAMMER, POP!


I'D LIKE TO BOTTLE YOU UP THIS EASILY EVERY DAY !
HERE GOES A TORPEDO !
POP!
I WAS MOST HAPPY TO HELP YOU, POP !
SEE YOU LATER !
HOW 'BOUT ME DOING SOMETHING FOR YOU, NOW, MOM ?
I'M SWEEPING, GUY --- BUT YOU'RE TOO SMALL TO TRY TO HANDLE THIS BROOM !
WELL, THEN - I'LL WHISK UP HERE ...
WHEE!


I LIKE DOING LITTLE HELPFUL THINGS - AND BOY, ARE THEY LITTLE!
WHAT'S WRONG, PAL?
I MAILED A LETTER FOR MY DAD - AND FORGOT TO PUT A STAMP ON IT!
LET ME HAVE THE STAMP - AND GIVE ME A BOOST!
HERE I GO - SPECIAL DELIVERY
STAMPS ARE ABOUT THE ONLY THING I CAN LICK!
PHOOEY! I WISH STAMPS HAD A BETTER FLAVOR!
POST OFFICE
WELL - HELLO!
STAMPS LICKED FREE


OH, OH! A LADY IN DISTRESS!
BUMP
ALLOW ME TO BE OF SERVICE, MADAM!
HOW CAN A LITTLE FELLOW LIKE YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT A BROKEN BABY CARRIAGE?
EASILY!
I'M NOT A BIG WHEEL... JUST A SMALL WHEEL, NATCH!
THIS IS TOUGH WORK - BUT I DON'T MIND, BECAUSE I'M HELPING THIS LADY GET HER BABY HOME!
WELL, HERE WE ARE! THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!
MY PLEASURE TO AID YOU AND YOUR INFANT!
MIND IF I TAKE A PEEK AT THE TINY ONE?
!

THE BABY'S SLEEPING IN THE HOUSE! THANKS AGAIN, YOUNG MAN!
HM-M! I'M RATHER TIRED - AND IT LOOKS COMFORTABLE IN HERE - - SO - -
Z Z Z
AGNES, LOOK AT THIS BABY!
Z Z Z
DOESN'T APPEAR TOO INTELLIGENT - DOES HE?
NO, ELLIE - HE HAS THAT CERTAIN NOTHING!
Z Z Z
I WONDER WHAT HIS FIRST WORDS WILL BE?
FOURSCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT - - -
HA HA HA HA HA
! !


OOPS! I FEEL A DROP OF RAIN!
THANK GOODNESS IT'S RUBBISH DAY!
HOME AT LAST -- WHAT A DOWNPOUR!
LITTLE GUY - IF YOUR FEET ARE MUDDY - DON'T WALK ON THE CLEAN FLOOR!
POP - MAY I BORROW YOUR BOAT TO SAIL IN THE PUDDLES OUTSIDE?
YOU CAN'T GO OUT IN THE RAIN -- YOU'LL GET SOAKED!
NO I WON'T, POP - WATCH!
THE END

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you use a lighter line and a smaller hook, Rinky?" his father asked as he put his third fish into his fisherman's creel. Rinky frowned slightly and said, "I'd rather use MY line, Daddy! I might get a real big one, then!"

Minutes later, Rinky's father pointed to a spot across the stream. "I'm going to try my luck over there for a while, Rinky!" Rinky didn't like that at all. He was afraid his father might slip and get carried downstream and over the falls by the rapid current.

"Don't you think it's too dangerous to walk around in the stream, Daddy?" Rinky mumbled. "Not a bit, Rinky! Anyway, I'm sure that's where I'll catch the big one for today . . . and win the prize!" Daddy said and smiled broadly at Rinky.

Rinky just watched as his father strode boldly out into the cold, running water. Rinky thought about the slippery rocks on the bottom of the stream. He was about to caution his father about the rocks when it happened . . . KER . . . SPLASSHH!

Rinky's father had slipped! Rinky's mouth dropped open. He blinked! He could hardly believe his wide eyes. Head over heels Daddy was tumbling down the stream! Every time he tried to stand up . . . WHOOSH! The current knocked him over!

Suddenly, Rinky snapped out of his daze. Daddy was shouting loudly for help! Rinky knew he would have to do something and do it fast because the waterfalls were very close.

Through a mouthful of water, Rinky's father yelled, "HELP! HELP!" Then Rinky knew exactly what to do! It was a long chance but it was the only way he could stop his father from crashing over the falls!

As Rinky ran along the edge of the stream he coiled up a long length of his heavy fishing rope with a big hook on the end and with all of his strength he gave one tremendous cast!

KER . . . PLUNK! The hook landed right on Daddy's back and slipped down to his belt! With a sharp and sudden YANK, the hook snagged onto Daddy's belt . . . and held fast!

Never in Rinky's life had he pulled and tugged so hard. The roar of the falls, now directly in front of Daddy, gave Rinky the strength of a small lion. Slowly but surely Rinky started reeling in his water-soaked father.

"Pull, Rinky, PULL!" Daddy shouted. With one last terrific effort, Rinky ran far back from the water clutching his fishing pole . . . and Daddy struggled safely to shore!

"OH! Blub! I thought I was going over the falls!" said Rinky's father as water poured down his face. He was soaked! Rinky looked at his gasping father for a second and almost said, "I told you so!"

But Rinky didn't think he had better say that to his father. He didn't. When his father started to shiver, Rinky said, "Daddy, we better ride home in a hurry! You'll catch an awful cold if we don't . . . and, anyway, I don't have a chance to catch a fish bigger than yours!"

On the way home, Rinky's father was silent. They rode as fast as they could and soon they were at the ranch. After Rinky's father changed his clothes, he came to the table where Rinky's mother was all set to put the winner's name on the cake.

Rinky watched as his father took the cake decorator from Mother. Mother said, "Maybe you'll catch the biggest fish next time, Rinky!"

Rinky's heart jumped as he looked at the name his father had just lettered on the cake . . . it was . . . RINKY! Before Rinky could say another word his father grinned and said, "You win the contest, Rinky! You caught the biggest fish. . . . ME!"

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